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ONLY GIRLZ

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MMM...
...RITSU! HEY, RITSU!
MUH...
WAKE UP, ALREADY!
DO YOU WANT TO BE LATE? GET READY!
EEEK! DON'T JUST BARGE INTO MY ROOM LIKE THAT, MIO!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN, LOCK YOUR DOOR.

AN UNFAMILIAR CEILING WHEN I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING...

A STRANGE HALLWAY RIGHT OUTSIDE MY FRONT DOOR!

IT'S ALL SO SURREAL TO ME.

REALLY GIVES YOU THAT "NEW LIFE" FEELING, DOESN'T IT?

SAY, WHERE'S YUI AND MUGI?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MUGI, BUT I'M 100% CERTAIN YUI'S STILL SLEEPING.

...AREN'T YOU EVER CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT MUGI'S ROOM IS LIKE?

HUH?

WHAT IF SHE HAS A CANOPY BED WITH A MAKEUP TABLE, A FULL DRESSER, AND A LIVE-IN MAID?

I'D BE IMPRESSED IF SHE COULD FIT THAT MUCH INTO A SINGLE DORM ROOM...

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MUGI? YOU AWAKE?

AHH! I S-SLEPT IN!!

WHOA!!

YIKES...

...HUH? RIT-CHAN?

GLANCE GLANCE キョロ キョロ

POINT POINT うら うら

YOU WERE STILL SLEEPING TOO, MUGI?

H-HEH HEH... I ALWAYS HAD SOME-ONE TO WAKE ME UP IN HIGH SCHOOL...

AH! WHAT A COWLICK!

SHHH!

SNEAK そ——…

SIGH...

AW, DANG.

IT'S ALL MESSY BECAUSE I JUST WOKE UP! YOU CAN'T GO IN!

I WAS REALLY HOPING I WOULD GET TO WAKE SOMEONE UP THIS MORN-ING...

REALLY? YOU WANT TO DO THAT?

WELL, THERE'S STILL YUI.

YOU SHOULD START OFF EASY BY WAKING ME—

YOU JUST WANT SOMEONE TO GET YOU UP.

REALLY!?

THE HURDLE OF WAKING UP YUI IS STILL WAY TOO HIGH FOR YOU, MUGI!

I WAS REMEMBERING WHEN I JOINED THE POP MUSIC CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL...

?

...WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

...BUT I'M JUST AS EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

I WAS SO, SO EXCITED AT THE TIME...

I JUST CAN'T WAIT!

I MEAN, NOW I GET TO LIVE WITH ALL OF YOU!

WHAT WAS THAT!?

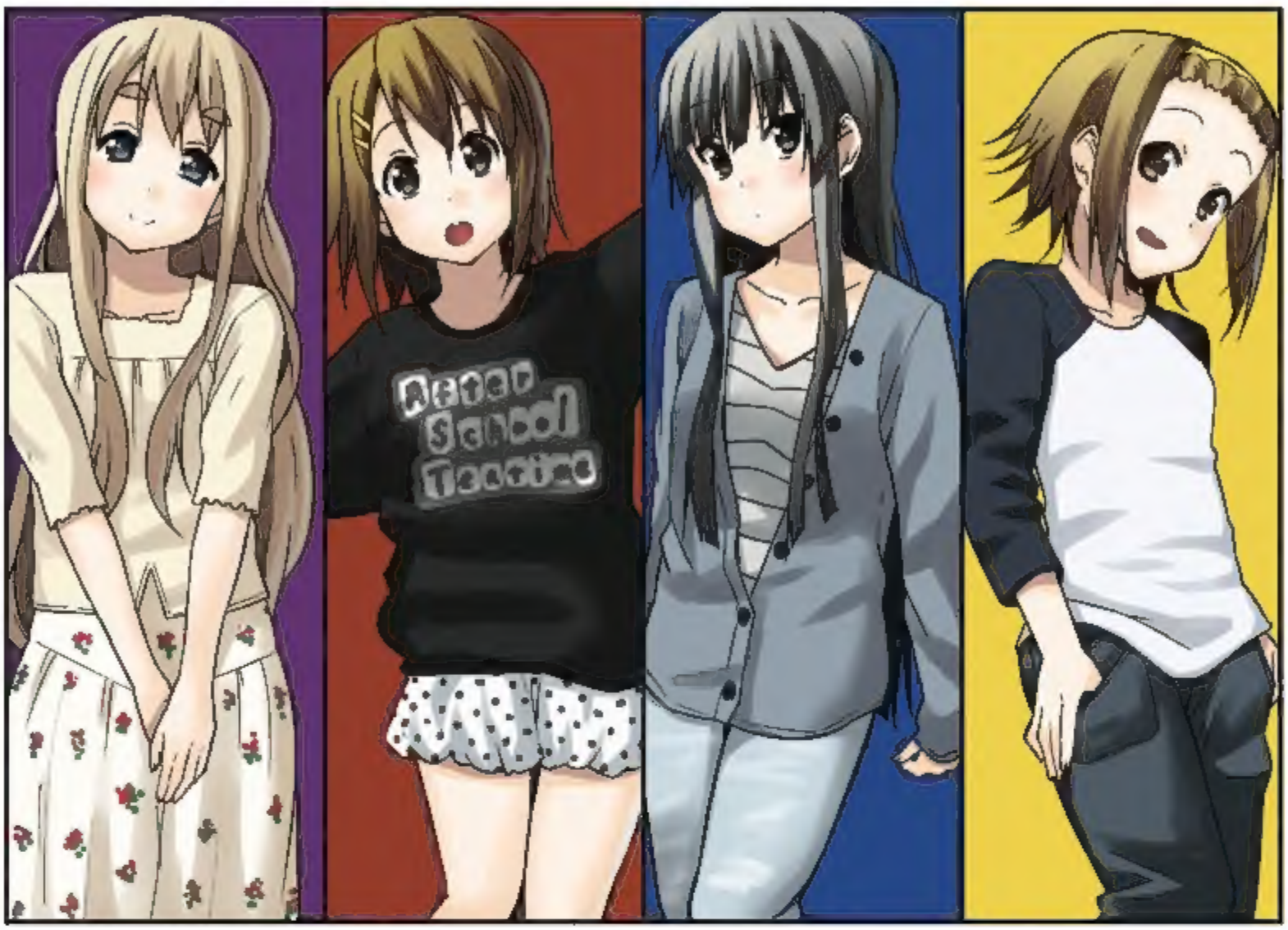
AND THE WAY MIO TOSSES AND TURNS IN HER SLEEP!

WHAT, YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE RITSU'S SLOBBINESS IN ITS FULL GLORY?

... SHEESH ...

I DUNNO, THEY SEEM LIKE A BUNCH OF FUN TO ME.

CAN'T THEY KEEP IT DOWN THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING...?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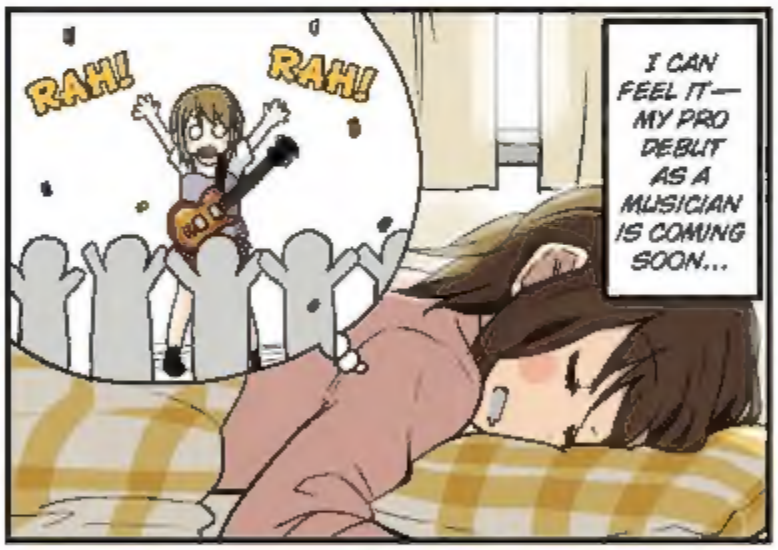
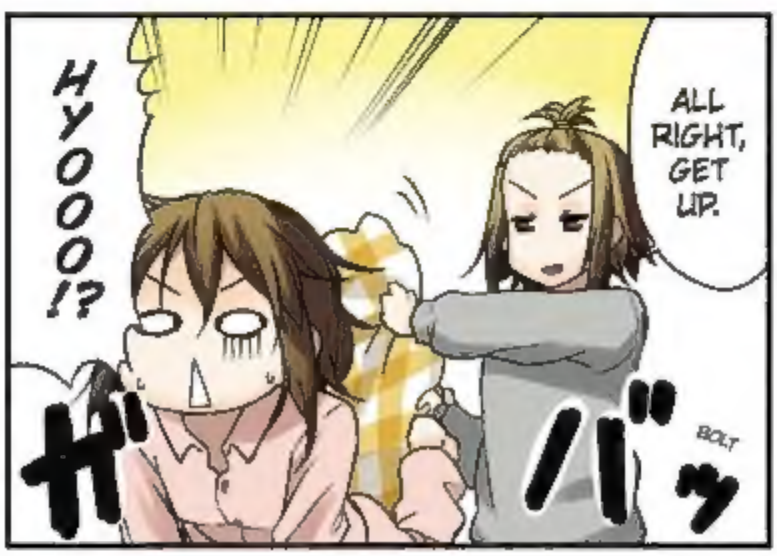
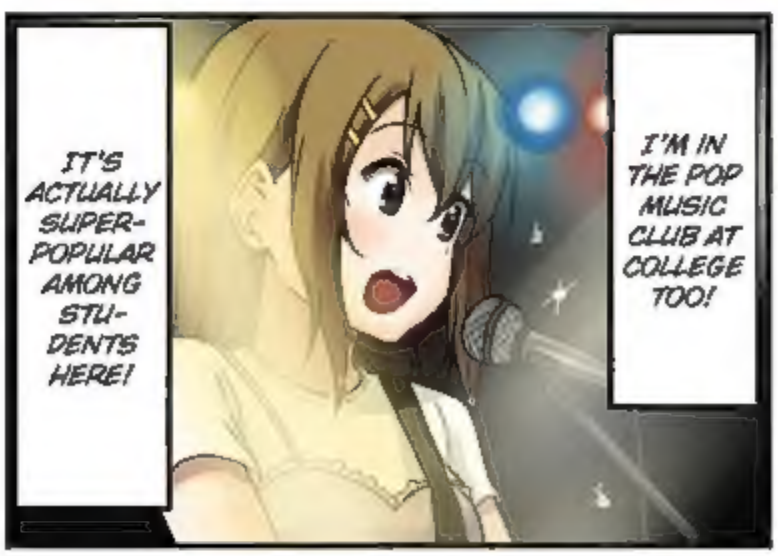

RAH!
RAH!
I CAN FEEL IT— MY PRO DEBUT AS A MUSICIAN IS COMING SOON...

I'M DOING GREAT!
HOW ARE YOU DOING, AZU-MEOW?


HYOOO!?
ALL RIGHT, GET UP.
BOLT


IT'S ACTUALLY SUPER-POPULAR AMONG STU-DENTS HERE!
I'M IN THE POP MUSIC CLUB AT COLLEGE TOO!

HOW ARE YOU, AZU-MEOW?

AHEM ... BACK ON SUB-JECT..

WE'LL BE LATE IF YOU DON'T GET READY SOON.

WAKE UP, YUI.

I'M LIVING ON MY OWN IN THE COLLEGE DORM NOW!!

AND GUESS WHAT? RIT-CHAN, MIO-CHAN, AND MUGI-CHAN ARE ALL IN THE SAME BUILDING!!

AND WHO WAS IT THAT WOKE YOU UP, RITSU?

YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET FAR IN COLLEGE IF YOU CAN'T EVEN WAKE UP FOR THE ENTRANCE CERE-MONY.

AHH!! WHAT IS IT!?

RI-TCHAN!!

EH?

? ?

UM.. WHY ARE YOU GUYS AT MY HOUSE?

WAKE UP AGAIN.

SNORE

AH-BA-BA-BA!

SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH SQUISH

THIS ISN'T YOUR HOUSE, IT'S THE COLLEGE DORM! ARE YOUR BRAINS ALL IN THERE!?

THERE'S A CAFETERIA ON THE FIRST FLOOR, SO WE CAN ALL EAT TOGETHER!

WANNA KNOW HOW COOL THIS DORM IS, AZU-MEOW?

OKAY... AH!? WHAT A COW-LICK!!

C'MON, LET'S GO EAT BREAK-FAST.

WHAT'S WRONG? NO AP-PETITE?

SIGH...

YUMMY

...WE DON'T HAVE ANY.

RIT-CHAN, CAN YOU GET ME A STEAMED TOWEL?

ARE YOU HOME-SICK AL-READY?

IT JUST DOESN'T TASTE LIKE UI'S FOOD...

SERIOUSLY

UI-CHAN'S SOME-THIN' ELSE...

WHERE'S MY COMB?

AW, POO! UI WOULD HAVE ONE READY FOR ME...

BUT IT WON'T STOP YOU FROM EATING MORE!?

I'LL HAVE SEC-ONDS ...

...GO BACK HOME ALREADY.

JUST KIDDING.

CAN YOU HAND ME A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, RIT-CHAN?

WHO CARES? IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE WILL SEE.

ALL THAT LOOSE HAIR MAKES YOU LOOK SO SLOPPY!

AH, MUGI-CHAN! I'M ALL READY!

HAVE YOU CHANGED YET, YUI-CHAN?

SORRY FOR WAKING YOU UP.

AH! SOKABE-SENPAI...

YAWN～...

SENPAI'S TERM HASN'T STARTED YET

YOU'RE ALL STILL HERE? WILL YOU MAKE IT IN TIME?

YOU'RE KEEPING THE HEAD-BAND, RITSU?

SURE, YOU "LOOK" SMART

WELL? DO I LOOK SMART?

↖ SAME DORM

DOES IT?

MEGUMIN-SENPAI! YOU AGREE RIT-CHAN'S HAIR LOOKS WEIRD, RIGHT?

SHOULD I TAKE IT OUT?

IT LOOKS WEIRD. DOESN'T MATCH YOUR SUIT.

I'D HAVE PRE-FERRED IT IF YOU JUST SAID IT WAS WEIRD.

PFFF!

I THINK IT'S CUTE, BUT... WANT ME TO FIX YOUR BANGS?

THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

THAT LOOKS WEIRD TOO.

HEE-HEE-HEE!

I'M SO SORRY ABOUT HER!!

DROOL

Ahem... it seems that many young people these days simply drift into college and drift onward when they graduate...

...but I assure you that we have the faculty and facilities to help you achieve anything you desire during your time here.

I-I'M REALLY SORRY!!

PRESSSS

OUCH, OUCH.

APOLOGIZE TO HER, YUI!!

I'M GOING TO BE A COLLEGE STUDENT NOW... I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

I beseech you all to spend the next four years with spirit and purpose.

SLEEPING AT YOUR OWN ENTRANCE CEREMONY? HOW CARELESS CAN YOU GET?

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO PICK SUCH A SCARY-LOOKING PERSON'S SHOULDER TO SLEEP ON?

I couldn't miss the chance to celebrate your entrance to this school!

NODOKA-CHAN!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

Congrats on making it here, Yui.

THAT'S NOT A COMPLIMENT!!

HEH-HEH! MY MOM ALWAYS SAID IT WAS INCREDIBLE HOW I COULD JUST FALL ASLEEP ANYWHERE.

YUI!! WAKE UP, WAKE UP!!

.....

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YAWN

HEH-HEH-HEH! THANKS, NODOKA-CHAN...

HEH-HEH
IT WAS SO HARD TO TURN THEM DOWN...
WHY DID YOU TAKE SO MANY FLY-ERS?
THAT WAS QUITE A LOOK TO SPORT ON THE VERY FIRST DAY...
HARRUMPH!
BYE-BYE
I GUESS THERE ARE GIRLS LIKE HER AT THIS SCHOOL TOO.
POP MUSIC CLUB!?
WE'RE THE POP MUSIC CLUB!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT CLUB WE'RE JOINING!
ANY INTEREST IN VOLUN-TEERING?
AHHH!!
CON-GRATS, FRESH-MEN! JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB!!
I'LL TAKE A POP-MUSIC CLUB FLY—
WHOMP
HEY, WHERE'S YUI?
5-SO THIS IS THE FAMED COLLEGE CLUB RE-CRUITMENT WAR...
SORRY, NOT INTER-ESTED.
W-WE MEET AGAIN ...
... YO ...
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FLIP
...SOME-HOW I'M NOT SUR-PRISED.
WOW, I'M SO POPU-LAR!
SMUSH
ごちゃっ

UM, EXCUSE ME. IT'S KIND OF LATE, COULD YOU KEEP IT—

CLICK

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

OH, NOW YOU'RE THE RATIONAL ONE!!?

I WONDER WHAT THE POP MUSIC CLUB'S LIKE HERE!

POP MUSIC CLUB

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

NEW MEMBER MEETING 6 PM APRIL 18TH AT THE CLUBROOM! CLUB LEADER YOSHI! 090-000000

THAT NIGHT

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

AHHH! YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM EARLIER!!

PUNCH

I CAN'T WAIT.

LET'S TAKE OUR INSTRU-MENTS AND CHECK OUT THE CLUB-ROOM TOMOR-ROW!!

HUH!? YOU'RE THAT SCARY GIRL!?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FOR-GOT-TEN!! I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOUR STUPID DROOL OUT!!

WELL, IT'S A COLLEGE CLUB... IT MAKES SENSE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE A SENPAI LIKE THAT.

SH-SHE MIGHT YELL AT ME AGAIN.

BUT THAT SCARY-LOOKING GIRL TOOK A FLYER TOO...I WONDER IF SHE'S JOINING...

DWAAAH!?

YOU'RE SO CUUUTE! ♡

OH COME ON, I'M JUST KIDDING! THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL NICE, SPOILED RICH GIRLS!

I-I THINK WE SHOULD FORGET ABOUT JOIN-ING THE POP MUSIC CLUB!

DON'T BE SHY, NOW!

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SHY-NESS!!

I-I'M NOT GOING TO BE YOUR FRIEND, AND THAT'S THAT!!

WOW, SHE'S ALREADY TURNED AKIRA INTO HER PLAY-THING...

UH, WHAT? WHY!?

GYAAAA!

OOH! SHE UNDER-STANDS!

HMM... TRUE, THIS COULD BE INTER-ESTING.

HUH? UM, WE WERE PLAN-NING TO.

HEY, ARE YOU GUYS JOINING THE POP MUSIC CLUB?

COLLEGE IS A BIG PLACE FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE!

ALL KINDS OF STUFF HAP-PENED TODAY, AZU-MEOW!

WE'RE JOINING TOO. WE SHOULD BE FRIENDS!

I'M AYAME YOSHIDA! THIS IS SACHI HAYASHI! AND THAT'S AKIRA WADA YOU'RE PICKING ON!

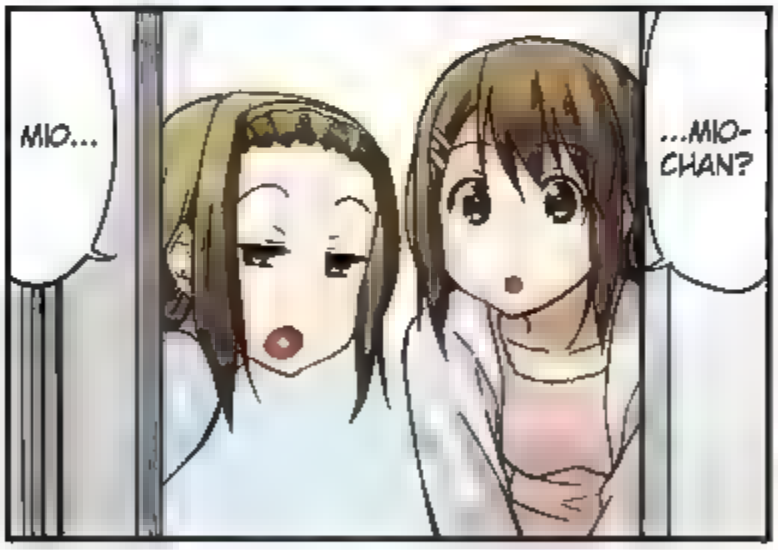
I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS! I'M WARNING YOU!!

AND I'VE ALREADY MADE THREE NEW FRIENDS!! THIS IS GONNA BE GREAT!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, HELP ME!!

SO THAT'S THEIR CRITERIA ...?

IF THESE GUYS CAN MANIPULATE AKIRA THIS WELL, THEY'RE BOUND TO BE ENTERTAINING!!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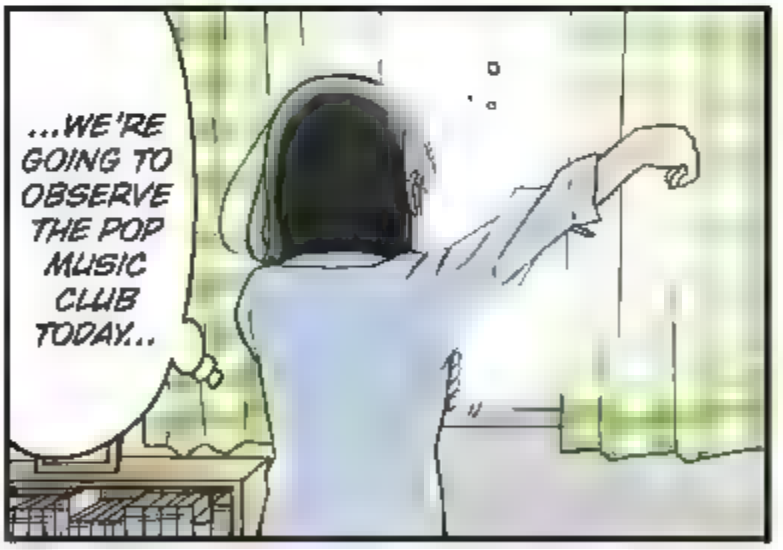
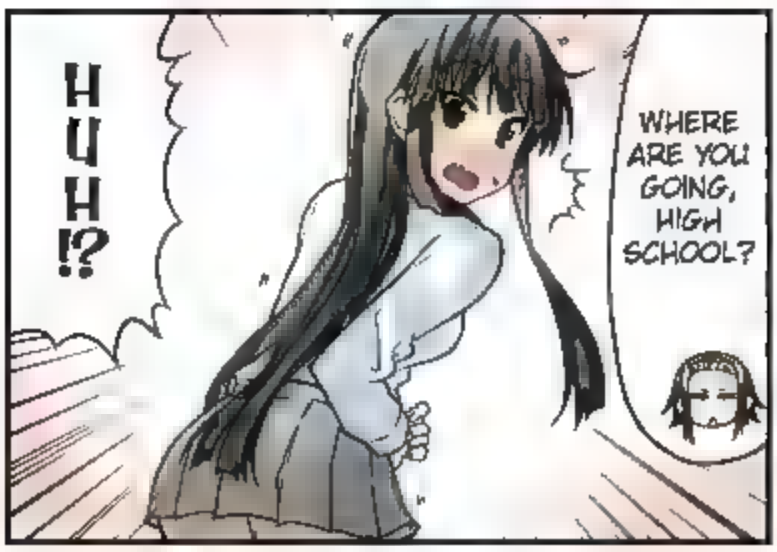
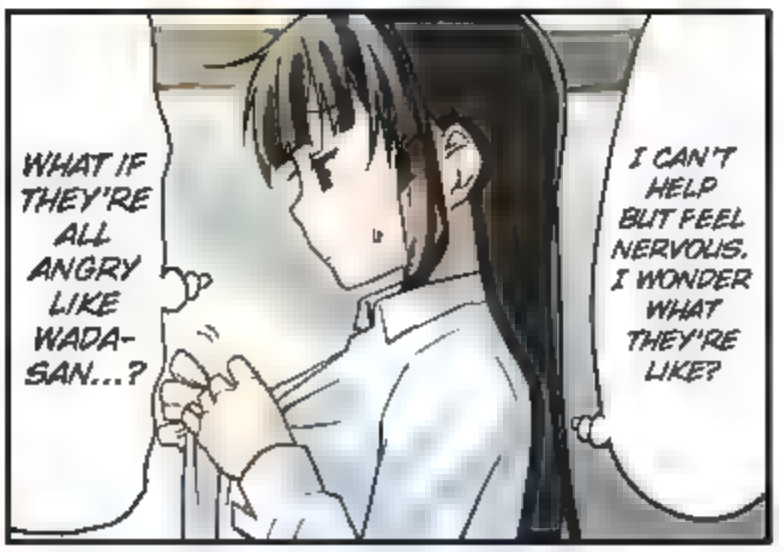

...WE'RE GOING TO OBSERVE THE POP MUSIC CLUB TODAY...


HUH!?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HIGH SCHOOL?


WHAT IF THEY'RE ALL ANGRY LIKE WADA-SAN...?
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL NERVOUS. I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE?

THERE, THERE.

I KNOW, THE DORM FOOD IS JUST TOO TASTY.

SOB... I'LL LOSE THE POUNDS!

I WAS PREOC-CUPIED AND WENT ON AUTO-PILOT...

JUST SO USED TO IT.

WHY DID YOU PUT ON YOUR UNI-FORM?

HEH HEH! I COULDN'T SLEEP, KNOWING WE WERE GONNA CHECK OUT THE POP MUSIC CLUB TODAY!

ANYWAY, WHY IS YUI ALREADY AWAKE?

POUT

DITZ!

OH, MIO-SAN, YOU'RE SUCH A SPACE CASE!

PIPE DOWN WILL YA?

WE'LL BE FINE. AFTER ALL...

ARE YOU SURE, YUI? WHAT IF THEY'RE SCARY PEOPLE...?

WHY ARE YOU STILL PUT-TING THE UNI-FORM ON!?

UH-OH.

UM, OKAY.

HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED!

I WISH I COULD SWITCH MOODS AS FAST AS SHE DOES.

NWAAA!!

...JUST LOOK HOW CUTE THEY ARE!!

BUT YOU JUST GRAD-UATED WEEKS AGO!!

I CAN'T FIT... INTO MY SKIRT...

FINALLY MADE IT. COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE TOO BIG...

AH, IS THIS THE POP MUSIC CLUB?

DOOR: POP MUSIC CLUB, COME ON IN! HERE!→

DOOR: NO NEED TO KNOCK

EEEK!! NOW YOU'RE SCARY!!

HOW ABOUT THIS?

R-RITSU? GO SLOWLY, OKAY? SLOWLY!

READY TO GO IN?

HOW CAN THESE CLOWNS POSSIBLY FORM AND MAINTAIN A BAND?

COME ON... I'M RIGHT NEXT DOOR! I CAN HEAR EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING! IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS!

EEEP!?

AAAAGH!!

GWEH!!

AKIRA!! DON'T BE RUDE!!

SERIOUSLY, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR THIS?

NASTY STATIC SHOCK FROM THE DOOR-KNOB...

ROCK 'N' ROLL, MAN...

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DRAG ずる

SORRY ABOUT THAT! SEE YOU AT THE CLUB!

YES, WE HAD A BAND ALL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

OH, I SEE! WELL, WE'RE HAVING A WELCOMING PARTY IN A WEEK...

YOU'VE ALL GOT INSTRUMENTS. YOU'VE PLAYED BEFORE?

AH, WELCOME!

OH.

EXCUSE MEEE.

WAI— RITSU!

OOH, THAT SOUNDS FUN! WE'LL DO IT!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR US?

PLEASE, COME ON IN! ARE YOU ALL FRESHMEN?

OOOH!

WE CAME TO CHECK OUT THE POP MUSIC CLUB...

AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME!

THAT'S CUTE.

WHAT'S YOUR BAND'S NAME?

OH, THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THE POP MUSIC CLUB WOULD BE FULL OF MENACING, HARD-CORE PEOPLE...

HA-HA! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT ANYMORE!

YES. SHE SEEMS NORMAL.

...WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE TWO IN THE BACK?

?

IT IS KINDA EMBARRASSING, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

IT'S CUTE, VERY CUTE!

THUMP

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JUST AS GOOFY AND STUPID AS YOU GUYS...

OH. AKIRA'S ALREADY HERE.

YOO-HOO!

...OR SO I WOULD HAVE SAID, UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO...

AKIRA-CHAN'S GOING TO PER-FORM AT THE PARTY TOO!

I WANNA WATCH!

YEAH! IT SEEMS FUN!

ARE YOU ALL GOING TO JOIN THE CLUB?

YOU'RE GONNA GAIN WEIGHT AGAIN.

THAT WAS SO EMBAR-RASSING...

MUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH.

MUNCH

AT NIGHT

.....

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MANAGE THIS...

WHO CAME UP WITH THAT NAME, ANY-WAY?

RIGHT

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AFTERSCHOOL TEA TIME? IT'S CUTE, RIGHT?

WE CAN ALWAYS DO THE BAND THING ANYWHERE, AFTER ALL. IT'S JUST...

WELL, IF YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO JOIN AFTER THE WELCOMING PARTY, THEN I WON'T JOIN EITHER.

THEN IT'S SAWA-CHAN'S FAULT! DAMN YOU, SAWA-CHAN!

WASN'T IT SAWAKO-SENSEI?

SHE REALLY DOES LIKE THE NAME.

WE'LL SHOW THEM WHEN WE PLAY!!

...I'LL NEVER FORGIVE AKIRA AND HER BAND FOR MAKING FUN OF AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME!!

POLLEN ALLER-GIES, SENSEI?

BWAACHOO!!

DWAM
ズターン
THWAM
WE HAVE SEVEN NEW FRESHMEN WITH BAND EXPERIENCE, SO WE'RE BREAKING FROM TRADITION AND HAVING THEM PLAY FOR US!
SO LET'S GET THIS NEW MEMBER WELCOMING PARTY STARTED!
ONE WEEK LATER
THEIR SOUND IS SO FULL, EVEN AS A TRIO.
THEY'RE SO POWERFUL!
ジャーン
JA-JANG
HUH!? IT'S GUI-TA!!
LET'S START WITH OUR FIRST GROUP...
YEAH...
THIS IS IMPRESSIVE, MIO.
GUI-TA? IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL YOUR GUITAR? TALK ABOUT LAME...
GUI-TA, MUGI-CHAN! A BLACK GUI-TA!
YEAH!
BUT WE CAN HANG WITH THE LIKES OF THEM, CAN'T WE?
SHE NAMED HERS TOO...?
NO WAY, GUI-TA'S A WAY CUTER NAME!
MY GUITAR'S NAMED ROSALIE!

REALLY? THANKS!!
IT WAS REALLY COOL...
WOW! THAT WAS GREAT!

W-WE'RE AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME...
HEY, THEY'RE IN UNIFORMS!
OKAY, NOW FOR THE SECOND BAND...

NOW SHE'S GETTING EMBARRASSED
NO, IT WAS JUST MIO-CHAN'S IDEA!
SO YOUR UNIFORMS ARE LIKE A COSTUME THING?

L-LET'S JUST GET START-ED!!
HO HO HO!
I'M SO JEAL-OUS THAT YOU CAN STILL FIT IN YOUR UNIS.

WHAT-EVER, I'M LEAVING.
HEY! AKIRA!

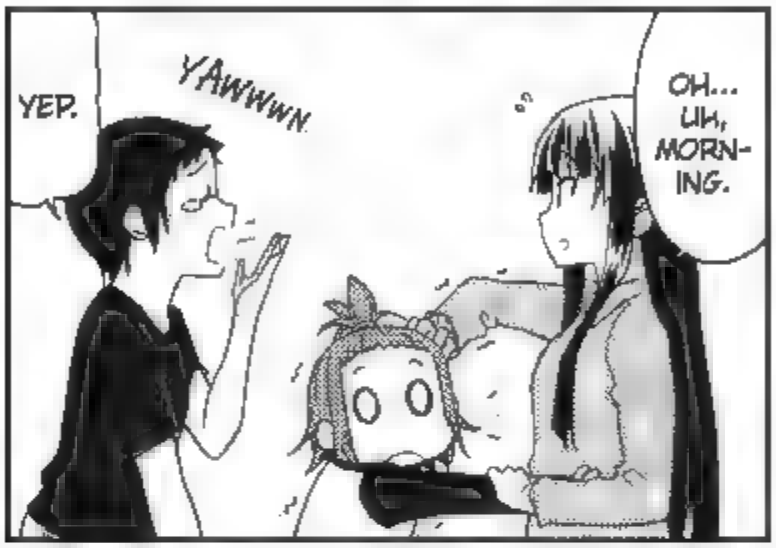
SAYS WHO? ARE THEY A BAND OR A DRESS-UP GROUP?
HEY, THEY LOOK CUTE PLAYING IN THEIR UNI-FORMS!

SHE'S TOO ASHAMED TO COM-PLIMENT THEM.
WEIRD... MAYBE WE WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER...

I DUNNO, SHE SEEMS PRETTY AB-SORBED
PFFI
.....

NEXT MORNING
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS AND MORNINGS...?
IT'LL BE FINE, I SWEAR!
NO WAY, YOU'LL GET THEM DIRTY!
PLEASE! JUST LET ME BORROW YOUR JEANS, I FORGOT TO WASH MINE!

THAT NIGHT
UM, I G-GUESS I COULD JOIN.
SO WHAT'S THE CALL, MIO-CHAN?
WE WANT TO HEAR THE SENPAIS' BANDS TOO!


YEP.
YAWWWN
OH... UH, MORNING.

OOPS! WE SHOULD BE QUIET SO WADA-SAN DOESN'T YELL AT US...
RUSTLE
THUMP
THE WALLS HERE ARE REAL THIN.

I'M USED TO IT ALREADY.
S-SORRY ABOUT MAKING ALL THIS NOISE.
HUH? WHEN DID YOU TWO GET SO FRIENDLY?

FLUFF-FLUFF TIME!☆
IS SHE... SINGING SOME-THING?
SNEAK

CAN'T YOU BE NICE TO ME TOO!?
YOUR LEGS ARE PROB-ABLY TOO SHORT FOR HER JEANS, YOU KNOW?

THAT'S CREEPY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GRUNUN
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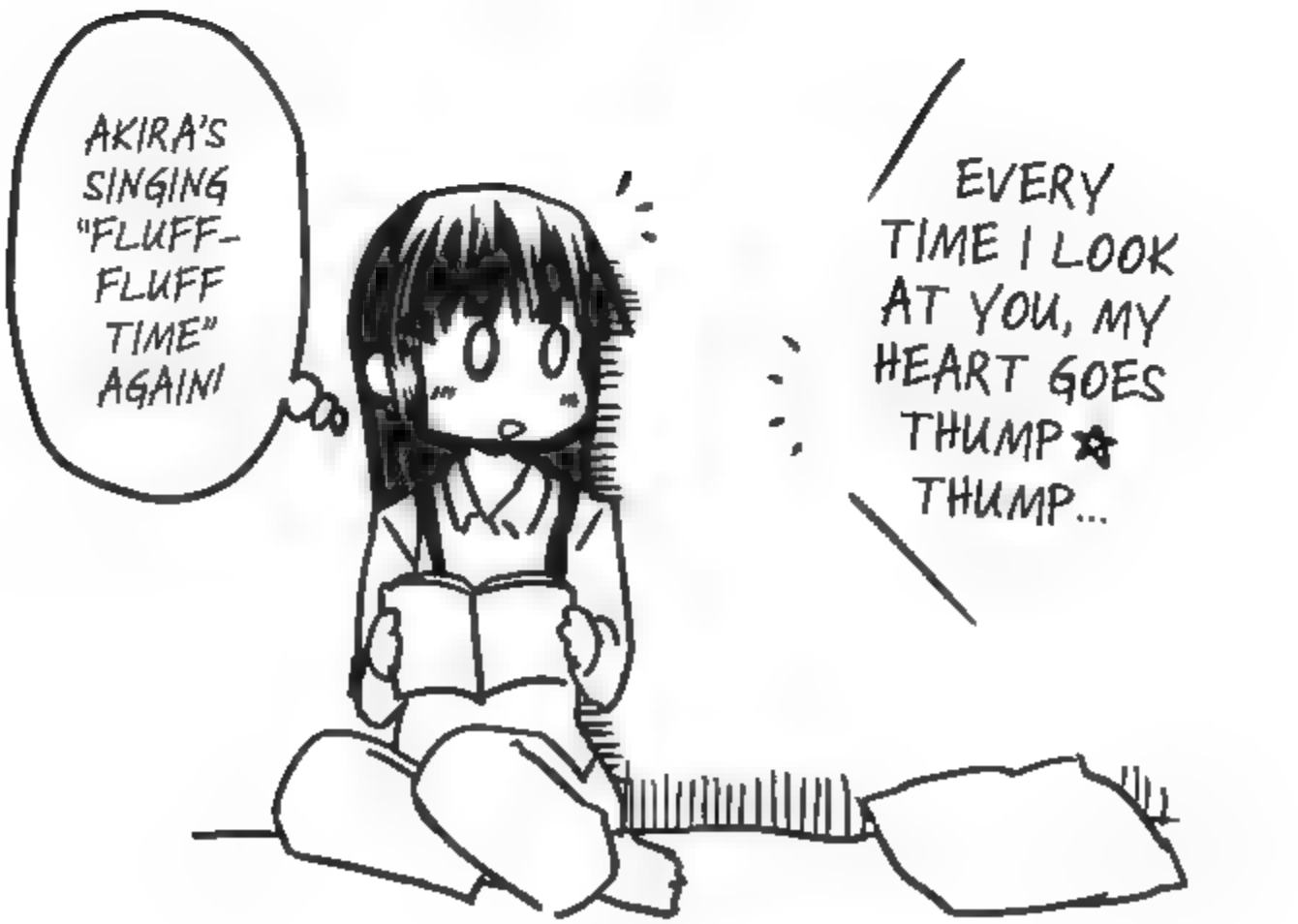
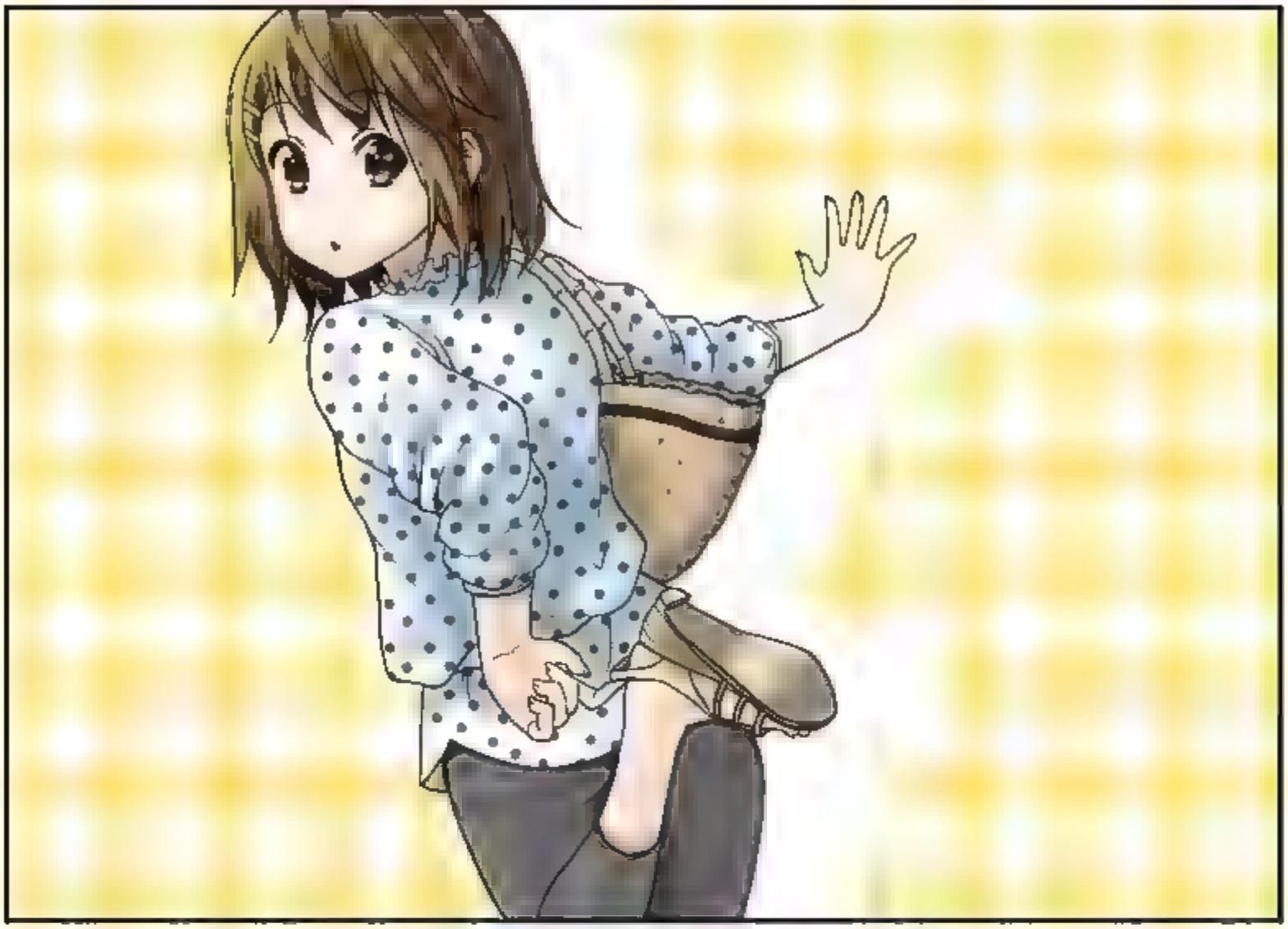
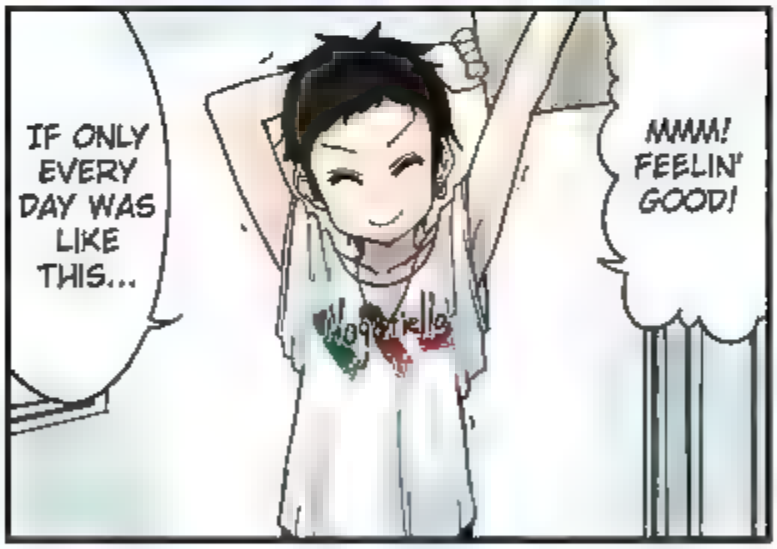
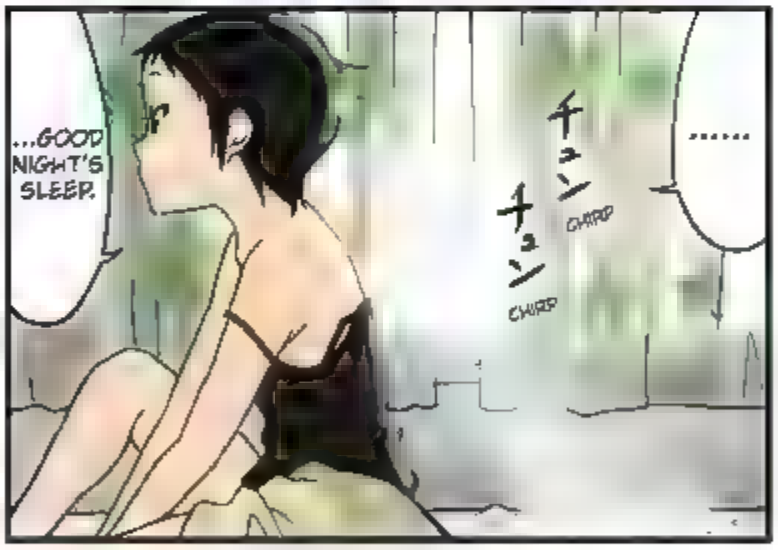

AKIRA'S SINGING "FLUFF-FLUFF TIME" AGAIN!
EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU, MY HEART GOES THUMP ★ THUMP...

JUST STOP IT ALREADY!!
TEN DAYS LATER
HOLDING MY FAVORITE BUNNY TIGHT, TONIGHT AS ALWAYS I SAY GOOD NIGHT...




IF ONLY EVERY DAY WAS LIKE THIS...
MMM! FEELIN' GOOD!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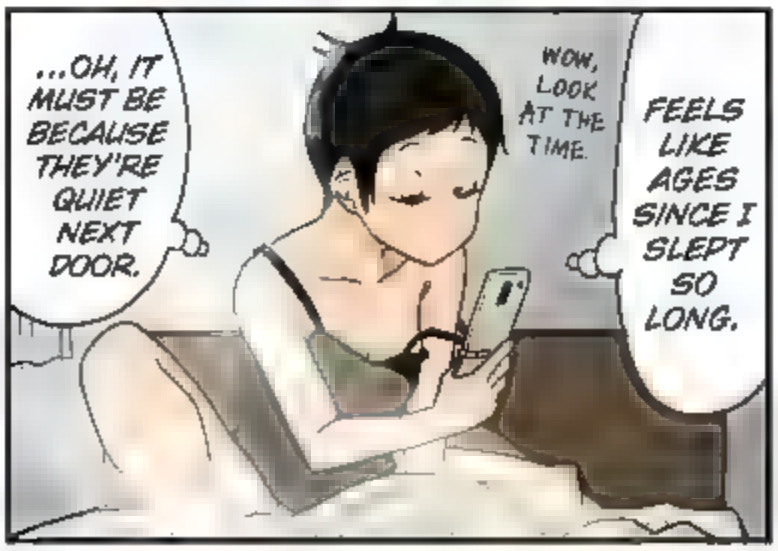
WAAAH!! I OVER-SLEPT!!
IF ONLY


...OH, IT MUST BE BECAUSE THEY'RE QUIET NEXT DOOR.
WOW, LOOK AT THE TIME.
FEELS LIKE AGES SINCE I SLEPT SO LONG.

...EDUCATION.

HEY, AKIRA-CHAN! WHAT DEPARTMENT ARE YOU IN?

WHY DOES SHE ALWAYS GRAB ON TO ME?

I'M GONNA BE LATE TO CLASS! WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP!?

WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT!? SERIOUSLY!?

WHAT, REALLY? I'M IN EDUCATION TOO!

SHE CAN'T SET AN ALARM? IS SHE A CHILD?

BETTER STEER CLEAR.

WELL, MY DEPARTMENT DOESN'T HAVE CLASSES FIRST PERIOD...

AND WHEN WILL YOU LEARN TO LOCK YOUR DOOR?

WHY SHOULD I!? LET GO OF ME!!

LET'S WALK TO CLASS TOGETHER EVERY DAY!

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SPOTTED!

OH, IT'S AKIRA-CHAN! HEY, AKIRA-CHAN!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE!?

WATCH OUT, BECAUSE SHE'LL FALL ASLEEP AFTER THE FIRST WARNING!

THANK GOODNESS. WILL YOU WAKE HER UP FROM NOW ON?

WELL... THANKS... BUT DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO RIGHT NOW...?

THAT LAST SHOW WAS SUPER-COOL! I LOVED IT!

OKAY, BUT...I WASN'T ASKING.

THE REASON I JOINED THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION IS BECAUSE I WANT TO BE LIKE A TEACHER I LOVED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

AWW.

LET GO!

JUST BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE SAME AREA DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL HAVE THE SAME CLASSES!

WELL, SHE WAS REALLY PRETTY AND POPULAR AND GOOD AT TEACHING ME ABOUT MUSIC..

I GUESS I'LL HEAR YOU OUT

...SO? WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?

SERIOUSLY, DON'T.

I DON'T EVEN WANNA THINK ABOUT IT

DON'T WORRY! I'LL GO BACK AND CHANGE MY COURSE SCHEDULE SO THAT I'M IN ALL OF YOUR CLASSES!

SHE WAS ACTUALLY AN ALUM OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL, AND HER NAME WAS SAWAKO-SENSEI, BUT WE ALL CALLED HER SAWA-CHAN, AND SHE WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE POP MUSIC CLUB, AND SHE'S REALLY GOOD AT GUITAR, AND SHE'S NORMAL IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE BUT KIND OF CRAZY IN PRIVATE, OH, AND SHE'S THE ADVISOR OF THE POP MUSIC CLUB, SO MY DREAM IS TO BE A REALLY GOOD GUITAR-PLAYING TEACHER LIKE HER WHO ALL THE STUDENTS LOVE, AND GET TO EAT YUMMY SNACKS EVERY DAY, AND JUST BE TOTALLY LAZY AT MY WORK PLACE!

UGH, SAVE ME FROM THIS IDIOT...

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HOW THE HELL DID SHE EVEN GET INTO COLLEGE?

IS SHE EVEN TEACHABLE?

MAYBE SHE DOES HAVE A TALENT FOR THIS

Y-YESH, MA'AM!!

FIVE MINUTES TO DRESS, TEN MINUTES FOR BREAK FAST!

IT'S NOT EASY TO BE A TEACHER! NOW GET READY FOR SCHOOL!!

I DON'T THINK AKIRA HAS MUCH ROOM TO TALK... BUT I'LL KEEP THAT TO MYSELF.

SHE SCARES ME

SPIKY HAIR

NASTY GLARE

PIERCINGS

MROWN

2ND CLASS

...AS SOON AS...

I HOPE YUI AND AKIRA ARE GETTING ALONG.

IT'S SO EASY TO GET LOST HERE, WITH ALL THE CLASS-ROOMS...

...THIS CLASS...

3RD CLASS

OH! THAT'S HAYASHI-SAN! WE'RE IN THE SAME PROGRAM!

...IS OVER...

4TH CLASS

IT'S MY COLLEGE RESOLU-TION TO BE MORE ASSER-TIVE!

THIS IS IT...I'LL G-GO TALK TO HER LATER.

WH-WHAT'S UP WITH HER ...!?

...IS OVERRR!!

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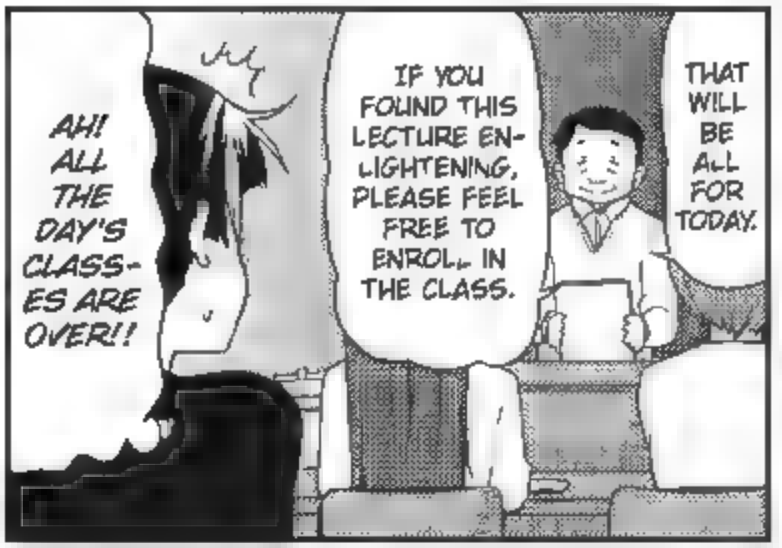
DRAW A PERSON, DRAW A PERSON

BUT FIRST, SETTLE DOWN...

OH, YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?
UM... AKIYAMA-SAN, RIGHT?


AH! ALL THE DAY'S CLASSES ARE OVER!!
IF YOU FOUND THIS LECTURE ENLIGHTENING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ENROLL IN THE CLASS.
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY.

HUH!?
AS A FELLOW BASSIST I ADMIRED IT
YOUR PERFORMANCE AT THE WELCOMING PARTY WAS REALLY GREAT.

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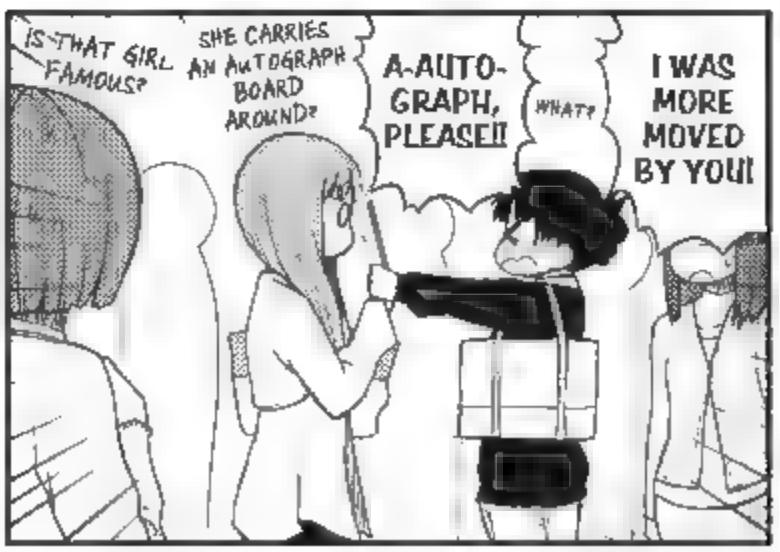
BING
UGH... I'M SUCH A COWARD...

I...I'M NOT—I NOT SPECIAL! IT'S NOTHING ...
YOU'RE A LEFTY, RIGHT? IT MAKES FOR GREAT SYMMETRY ON STAGE.

BE COOL, BE COOL!!
HWHAH!? HAYASHI-SAN!?


IS-THAT GIRL FAMOUS?
SHE CARRIES AN AUTOGRAPH BOARD AROUND?
A-AUTO-GRAPH, PLEASE!!
WHAT?
I WAS MORE MOVED BY YOU!

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MUSUNUR
I-I'M A FAN!!
UMM, UMM...

WHAT? YOU'VE ONLY BEEN PLAYING BASS FOR TWO YEARS?
THAT'S RIGHT

ARE YOU COMING TO THE POP MUSIC CLUB TODAY, AKIYAMA-SAN?
UM, YES!
LET'S GO TO-GETHER, THEN.

HEE HEE... I'VE FINALLY MADE A FRIEND ON MY OWN!
AND SHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT PLAYING BASS!

IT'S COOL THAT YOU'RE SO TALL!

OH, YOU'RE AL-READY HERE?
HERE COMES MIO-CHAN.

YOU REALLY STAND OUT ON STAGE...

AND IT WAS SO HARD FOR ME TO SUM-MON MY COUR-AGE...
WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE ALREADY!!
MIO!! AYAME AND I ARE IN THE SAME DEPART-MENT!!
DZEKO

YOU'RE ALL HUNCH-BACKED! SORRY IF THAT'S A SORE SPOT!!
YOU'RE TINY!
I WAS REALLY IM-PRESSED BY— HUH!?

NO OBJECTIONS!

SO, DOES THIS TIME WORK FOR US?

AH, FRESH-MEN! GOOD TIMING.

HEYA, PREZ.

...HUH? WHO ARE "ONLY GIRLZ"?

Tea Time

ONLY GIRLZ

Guitar Allergies

Ladybug

THERE SURE ARE LOTS OF INTER-ESTING NAMES HERE.

YES, SO WRITE DOWN YOUR FREE TIME PERIODS SO WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT.

OH, SO WE RESERVE TIME SLOTS BY BAND?

WE'RE DIVVYING UP THE BAND PRACTICE TIME SLOTS.

THAT'S OUR BAND NAME! COOL, AIN'T IT?

UH, NO?

DID YOU WRITE THAT, RIT-CHAN?

YEP! WE'VE GOT ABOUT TEN BANDS IN THE GROUP, THOUGH WE RARELY MANAGE TO GET EVERYONE TOGETHER AT ONCE.

IT'S MOSTLY FULL ALREADY, ISN'T IT?

WHAT KIND OF REACTION IS THAT?

DZEKO

...MY NAMING SENSE IS NO BETTER THAN AKIRA'S —

EVERY YEAR, SOME KIDS SCHED-ULE THEIR CLASSES THAT WAY AND GROW TO REGRET IT.

BUT IT'S FUN TO WATCH, SO I'LL STAY QUIET.

DZEKO

TIME CHART

I CRAMMED ALL MY CLASSES INTO MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY, SO ANY TIME ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY WORKS FOR ME!

I KNOW!

WE GET TO BE A BAND AGAIN! I CAN'T WAIT!

OH, TH-THANK YOU!

KCHAK

HEY... OH, RIT-CHAN, I BROUGHT THOSE OLD TEXT-BOOKS I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT.

DON'T TRY TO DE-SCRIBE IT LIKE A NEWS AR-TICLE.

A MONTH'S NOTHING, ANYWAY

DZEKO

AFTER A MONTH OF IN-ACTIVITY, AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME IS ROARING BACK TO LIFE!

NOW SHE'S FRIENDS WITH AN OLDER GIRL...

LET'S SEE... THIS AND THIS ARE REALLY LOOSE WITH ROLL CALL!

SENPAI, DO ANY OF THESE CLASSES NOT TAKE ROLL?

THAT'S 20,000 FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. OKAY?

OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION THIS, BUT CLUB FEES ARE 10,000 YEN EACH FOR THE SEMES-TER.

HMM? WHAT?

HEY, AYAME! OVER HERE!

O.K.A.Y.?

CAN'T WAIT, CAN'T WAIT

I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY AGAIN

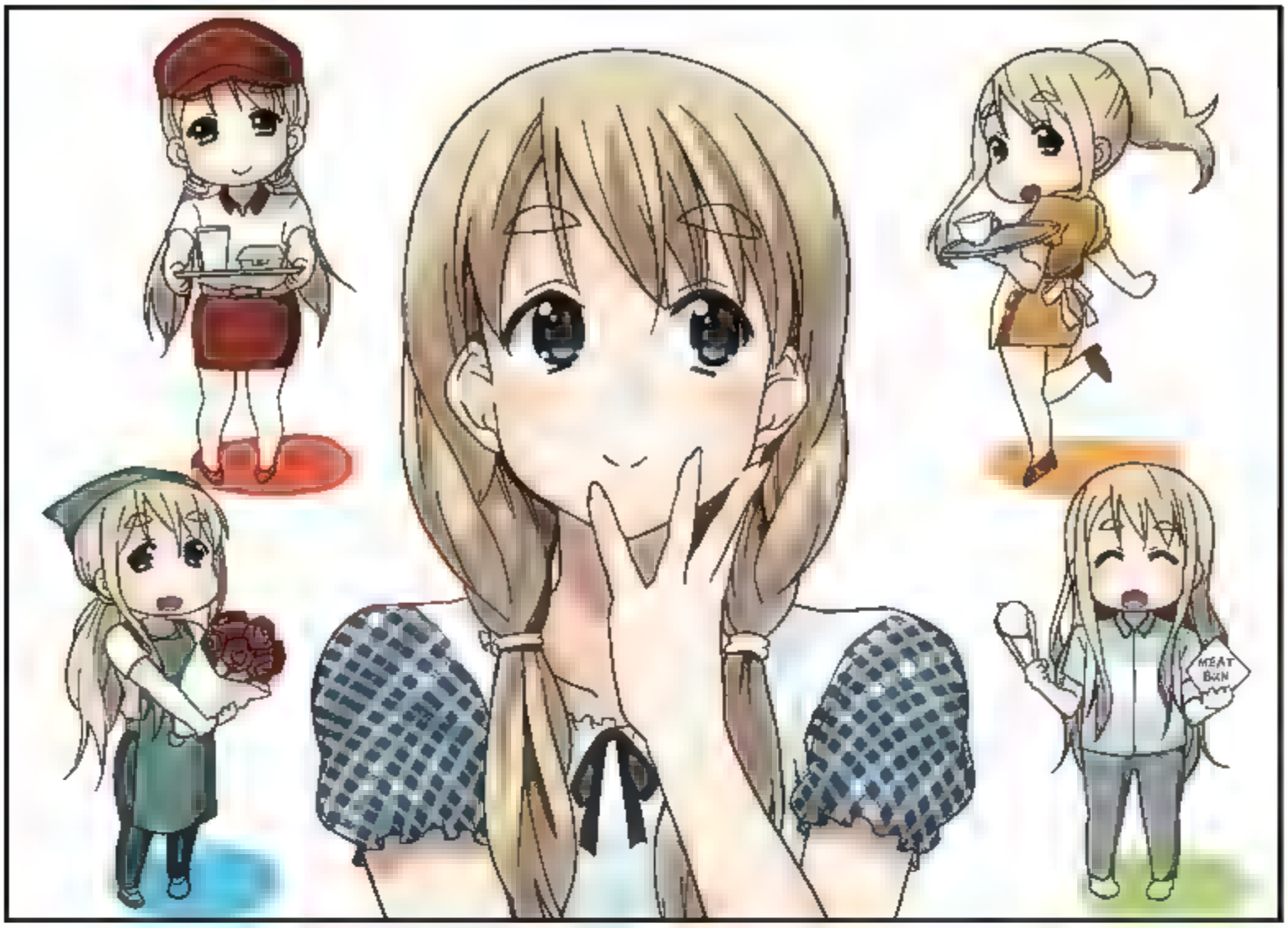
DZEKO

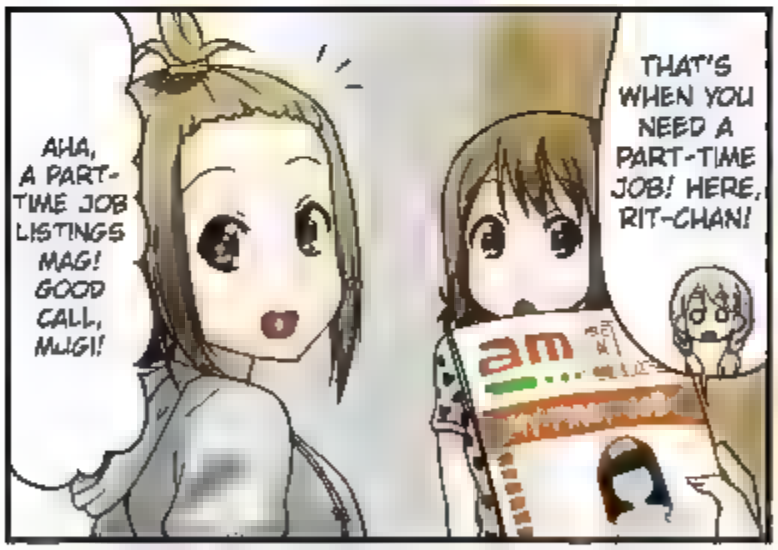
GONK

KNOCK IT OFF.

I'VE GOT THE DISH ON CLASSES THAT DON'T TAKE ROLL. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY FOR IT?

OOH! THE FAMOUS JAPANESE TSUKKOMI


MEAT BUN


AHA, A PART-TIME JOB LISTINGS MAG! GOOD CALL, MUGI!
THAT'S WHEN YOU NEED A PART-TIME JOB! HERE, RIT-CHAN!
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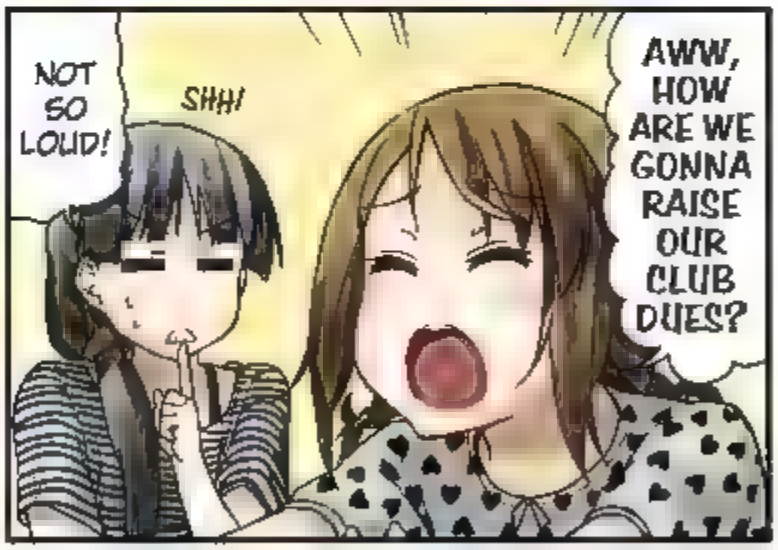
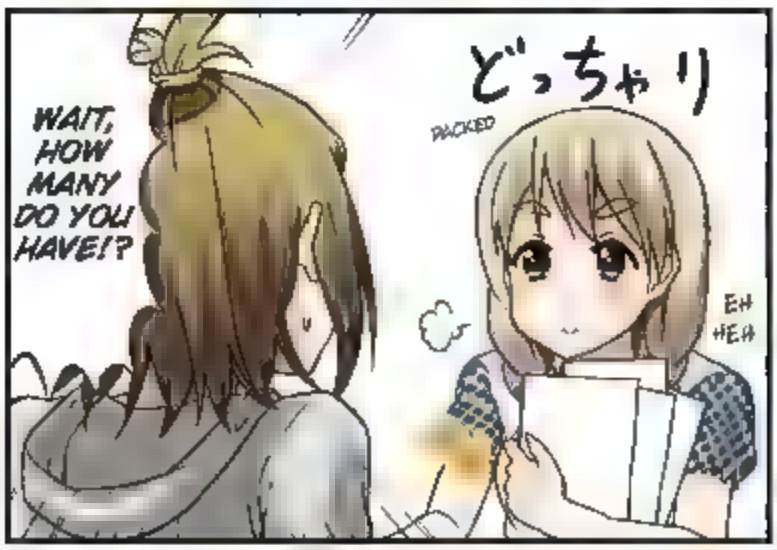

NOT SO LOUD!
SHH!
AWW, HOW ARE WE GONNA RAISE OUR CLUB DUES?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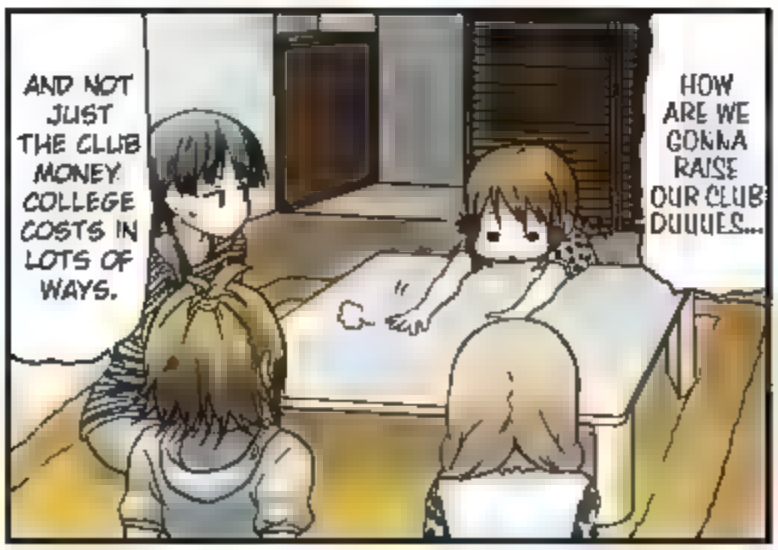
WAIT, HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE!?
EH HEH


AND NOT JUST THE CLUB MONEY. COLLEGE COSTS IN LOTS OF WAYS.
HOW ARE WE GONNA RAISE OUR CLUB DUUUES...

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE BEEN DIS-OWNED...

WHY DO YOU NEED TO WORK A JOB, MUGI? YOUR FAMILY'S RICH.

BUT SO MANY... YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS, MUGI.

WHY, ARE YOU TRYING TO SELL ME ON SOME-THING?

PICKING THE RIGHT JOB IS VERY IMPORTANT, RIT-CHAN!

C'MON, MUGI, YOU HAVE TO TRY A LITTLE HARDER TO FOOL US!

DIS-OWNED!? R-REAL-LY!?

RIGHT?

"OH, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO GET A JOB ONCE I START COLLEGE!"

...WHAT? REALLY?

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.....

BUT WE DID A JOB BEFORE, RIGHT? WHEN MIO-CHAN WAS TRAINING.

YOU DID NOT!

DID I SOUND LIKE YOU?

JUST KID-DING. ♡

YOU WERE ACTUALLY DISOWNED BY YOUR FAMILY!?

PERFECT SMILE, THOUGH

THAT'S A PART OF YOUR PAST YOU WANT TO ERASE, ISN'T IT?

HO-HO-HO-HO!

JOB? WHAT IS THIS "JOB" YOU SPEAK OF?

FINE, BE THE REASONABLE ONE.

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION WITH YOUR OWN THINGS, NOT MINE!

I'VE ALWAYS RELIED ON MY PARENTS THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, SO I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE TIME TO DO THINGS ON MY OWN NOW...

I SEE. SO YOU'VE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH

YOU SEEM HAPPY ABOUT THIS

EH HEH HEH.

YOU JERK!

I WANT SOME SUMMER OUTFITS!

BUT HEY, PART-TIME JOBS ARE WHAT COLLEGE STUDENTS DO! I'VE BEEN WANTING A TV ANYWAY!

SHE HELPED GET YOU THAT GUITAR FOR CHEAP.

ACTUALLY, WE'VE ALL BEEN RELYING ON MUGI-CHAN IN VARIOUS WAYS.

NO, I'M NOT!

BUT POOR WIDDLE MIO'S TOO SHY TO GET HEW-SELF A JOB!

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GLANCE キョロ GLANCE キョロ

...MUGI, YOU SHOULD REALLY ASK THEM FOR SOME ALLOWANCE RIGHT AWAY.

I HAVE TO FEND FOR MYSELF! I TOLD MY PARENTS I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING OTHER THAN TUITION MONEY!

HEY!!

OOH!

...IT'S A SIGN OF OUR THANKS. PLEASE ACCEPT IT!

THIS ISN'T WORTH MUCH, BUT...

PAPER: AFTERSCHOOL TEA TIME BREAKS UP. "CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE"

SHE'S FASCINATING.

IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME THING, THOUGH.

THEY WERE ONLY AFTER MY MONEY...?

OH, THESE ARE PART-TIME WORK MAGAZINES! I'M GONNA FIND A JOB...

THEY PROBABLY JUST HAD PLANS TODAY! WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF YOU'RE HOLDING, ANYWAY?

HUH? WHAT FOR!?

YOU CAN SMACK HER, MUGI-CHAN! SHE'S EARNED IT FOR BEING CRUEL!

GRAB

...BUT I THINK I HAVE TO WEAN MYSELF OFF OF THAT IDEA.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED SINCE I WAS A KID...

WORK DEMON

SORRY, I'LL TRY TO BE GENTLE...

FINE, ONE SMACK...

OH, WHATEVER. SHE'S A SPOILED RICH GIRL, HOW STRONG CAN SHE BE?

MAYBE THEY JUST HUNG OUT WITH HER FOR HER MONEY?

EH? WHAT? IS YOUR FAMILY RICH?

I TRIED TO HOLD BACK

EEEK!! I'M SO SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY!?

SHE'S REALLY FASCINATING!!

THWACK

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LOOK, I'M JUST KID—

OW!

SHIVER

SHIVER

A FEW DAYS LATER

ARE THEY OUT ON THEIR OWN AGAIN...?

KNOCK

KNOCK

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I SAID I WAS JUST KIDDING!

LOOK, NOW YOU MADE HER ACT ALL WEIRD.

I HAVE TO GET A JOB SO I CAN MAKE MONEY FOR EVERYONE. .

JOB WELL

HUH? YOU'RE ALL HERE...

COME ON IN.

CREAK

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THANK YOU, AYAME-CHAN. I'M GLAD I TALKED TO YOU GUYS TODAY.

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GRIN

JOB WELL

THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH INTO THIS, MUGI-CHAN! THEY'RE NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY!

YO, MUGI!

WELCOME.

AH, MUGI-CHAN!

HELP WANTED! WANT TO CATCH STAG BEETLES? PAY DEPENDS ON NUMBER OF BEETLES CAUGHT

WOW, THERE'S THE RICH GIRL SMILE

YOU WERE COUNTING!?

IT'S BEEN... FIFTY-SEVEN AND A HALF HOURS!

TAKE YOUR TIME, WE SAID!!

I'LL TAKE THIS JOB!!

STAG BEETLES!

HAVE SOME TACT, AKIRA ...

...AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE HER, BUT...

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AKIRA-CHAN SAID YOU WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT ME NOW THAT I DON'T HAVE MONEY..

HERE, MUGI-CHAN! THIS IS FROM US!

SORRY, WE DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT, BUT WE WERE KEEPING A SECRET...

HUH? YOU THOUGHT WE WERE AVOIDING YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT, WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE MET IN THE MUSIC ROOM AT SCHOOL!

EEEK! ♡

WE WOULDN'T TREAT YOU IN SUCH A SELF-SERVING WAY, MUGI!

WE WERE WORKING TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOU WITH OUR OWN MONEY.

A NECKLACE?

OH, I BROUGHT SOME SNACKS!

ANY-WAY, WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

HUH? YOU DON'T LIKE IT? I KNOW IT'S CHEAP ...

SILENCE 黙・・・・

IT'S NOT MONEY! YOU'RE SNACK-GRUB-BERS!

SNACKS!!

YOU'RE WEL-COME... BUT IT'S NOT WORTH THAT MANY TEARS!!

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THANKS, YOU GUYYYS...

SLEEPING IN, MUGI-CHAN? SUCH LAZI-NESS!
HUH? IS MUGI STILL SLEEPING?
NEXT MORN-ING
SAYS THE SLEEP IN QUEEN

HOW OLD ARE YOU SUP-POSED TO BE!?
YEAH... HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN?
MUGI BRINGING SNACKS REMINDS ME OF HIGH SCHOOL.

MUGI, ARE YOU AWAKE?
WHAT IF SHE'S SICK?
KNOCK KNOCK

OH, UM...
WHAT SNACKS DID YOU GET!?
WHAT KIND OF JOKE WAS THAT?

STILL IN YOUR PAJAMAS? ARE YOU FEELING UNDER THE WEATH-ER!?
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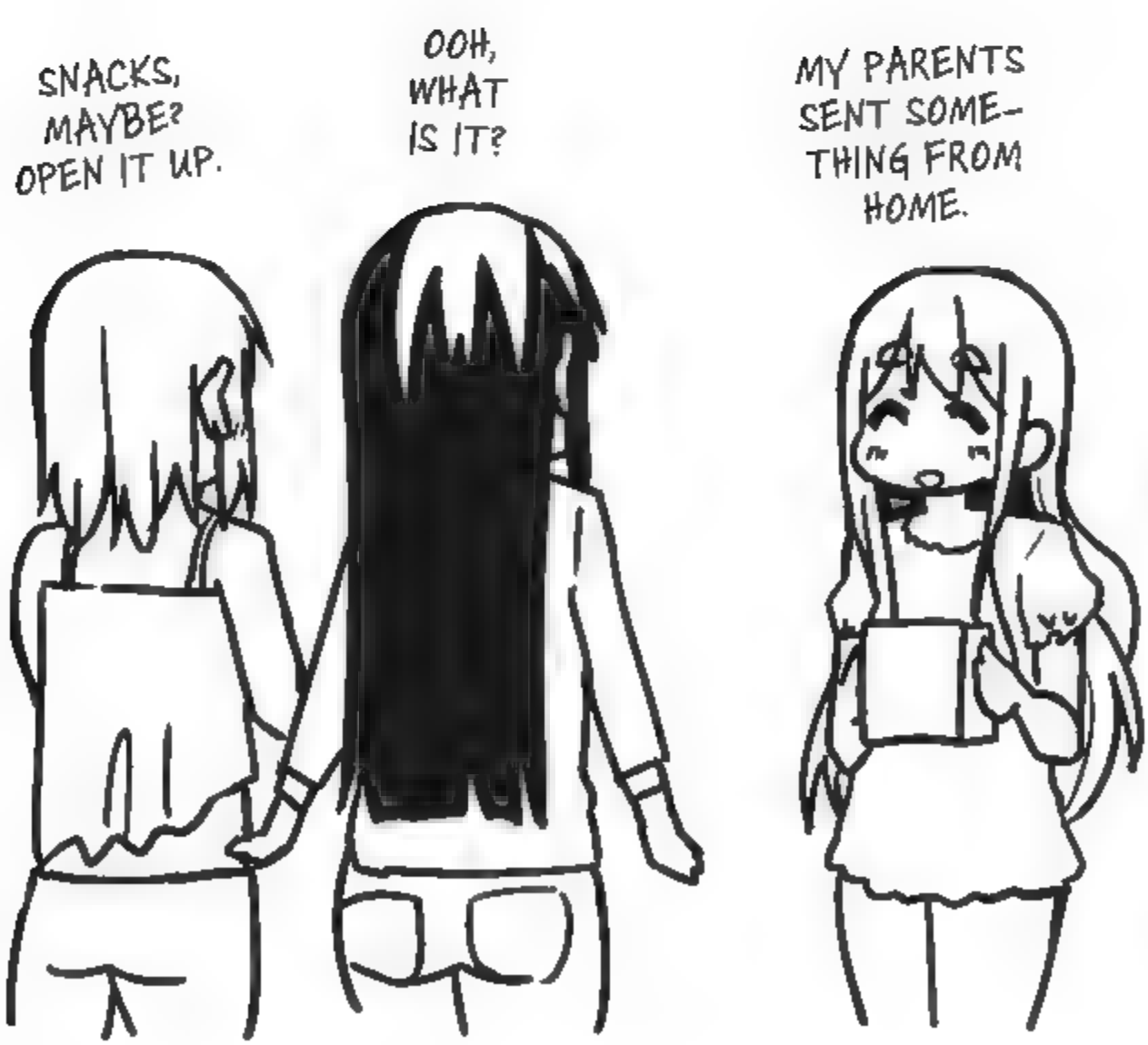
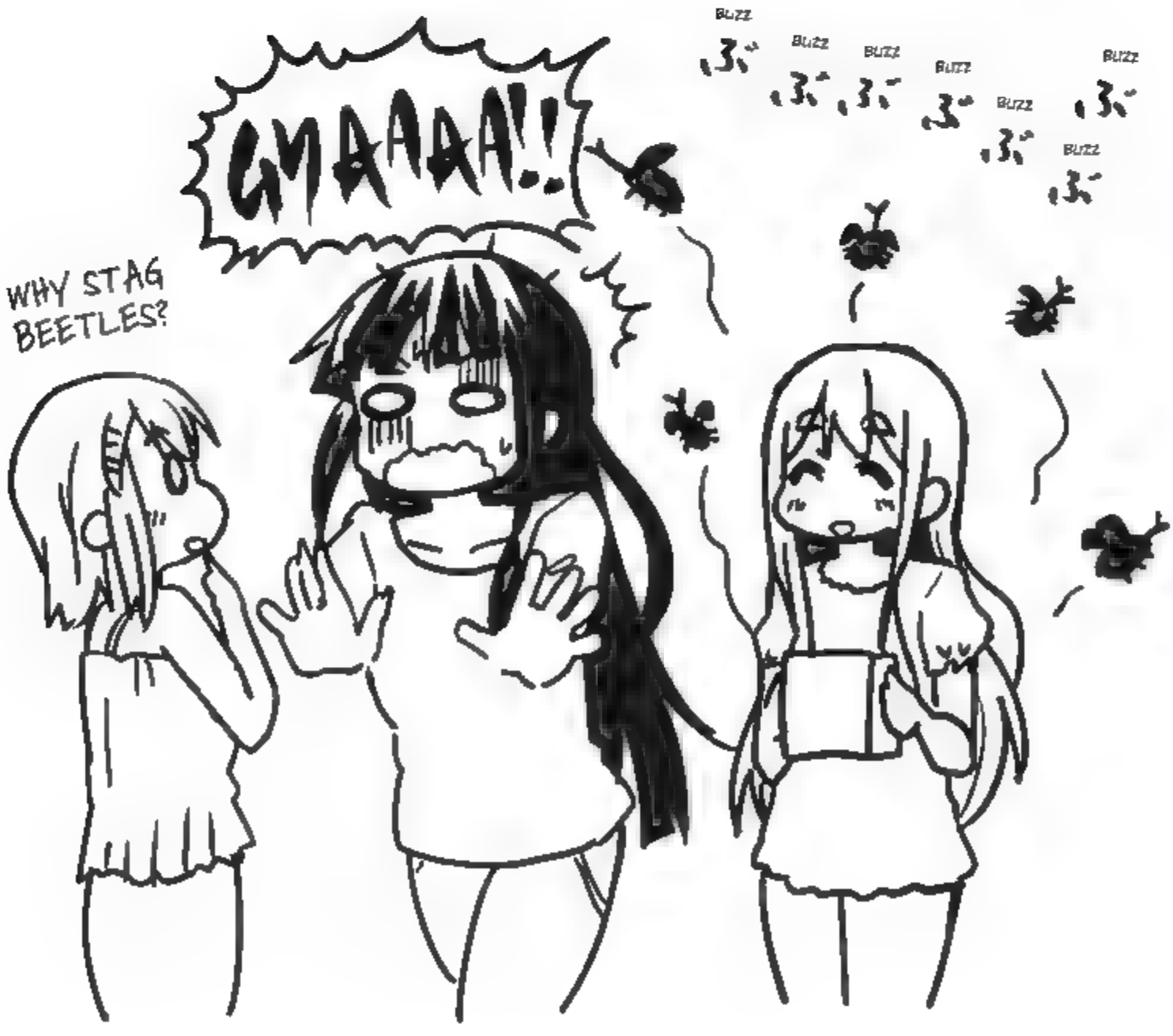
KCHAK
AH... WHAT SHOULD I DO, RIT-CHAN?

I BOUGHT ALL OF THIS FOR JUST 500 YEN!!
HERE, I GOT CHIPS AND SALTY STUFF!
GARLIC TARO

GUYS? MUGI-CHAN'S ABSO-LUTELY FINE, SO LET'S JUST GET ON WITH OUR DAY.
I WANT TO WEAR IT, BUT IF IT GETS DIRTY...
I COULDN'T DECIDE IF I SHOULD WEAR MY NECK-LACE OR NOT.
WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

YOUR DAUGHTER GREW UP INTO A PROUD CHEAP-SKATE, MUGI'S MOM AND DAD...
I'M SO EXCITED.
Y-YAY!
PROUD


SNACKS, MAYBE? OPEN IT UP.
OOH, WHAT IS IT?
MY PARENTS SENT SOME-THING FROM HOME.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GYAAAA!!
WHY STAG BEETLES?

AFTER
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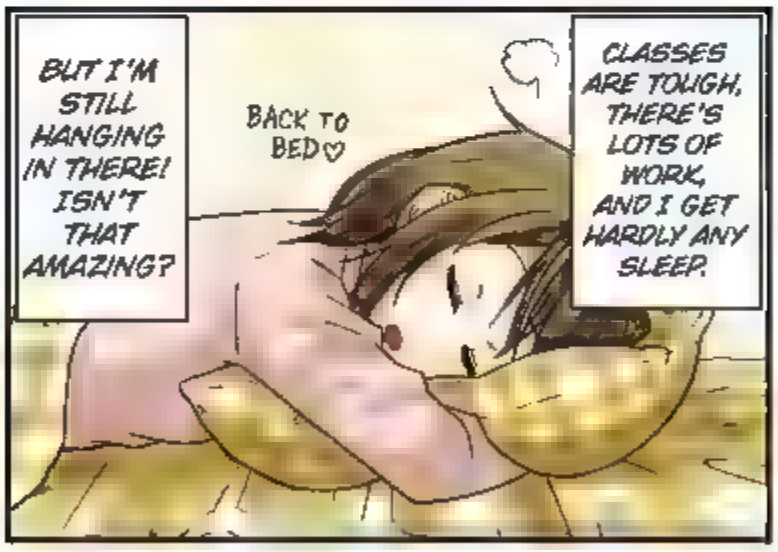
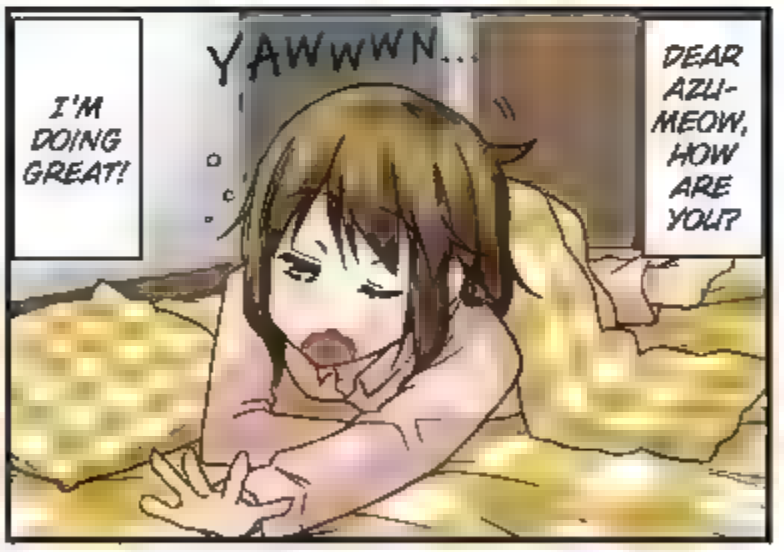
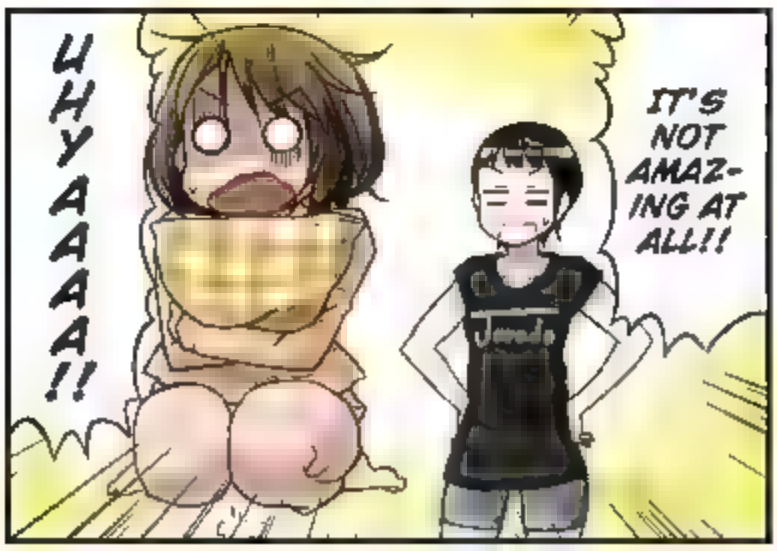
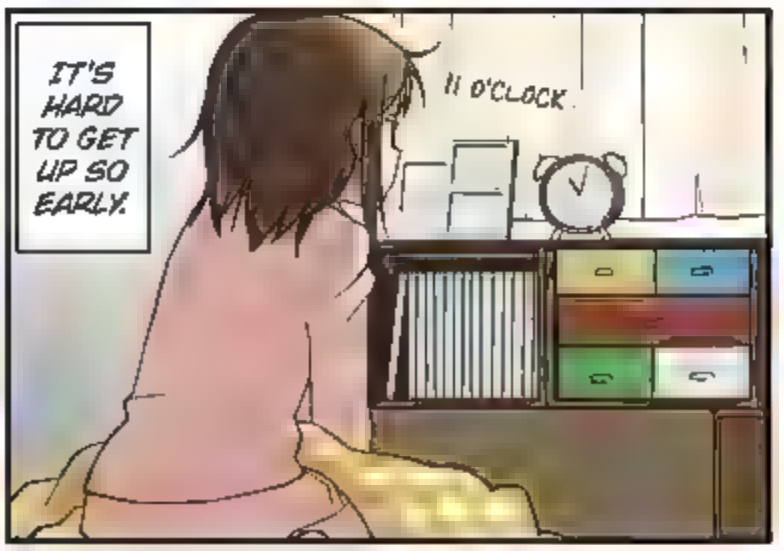
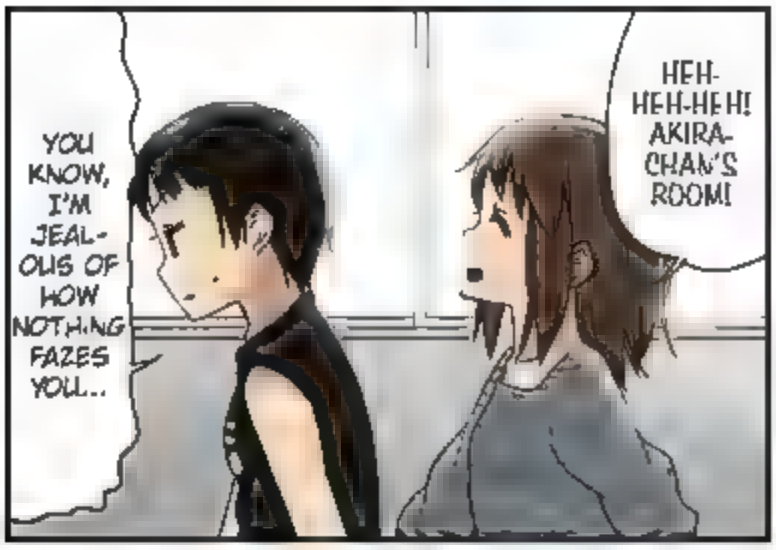
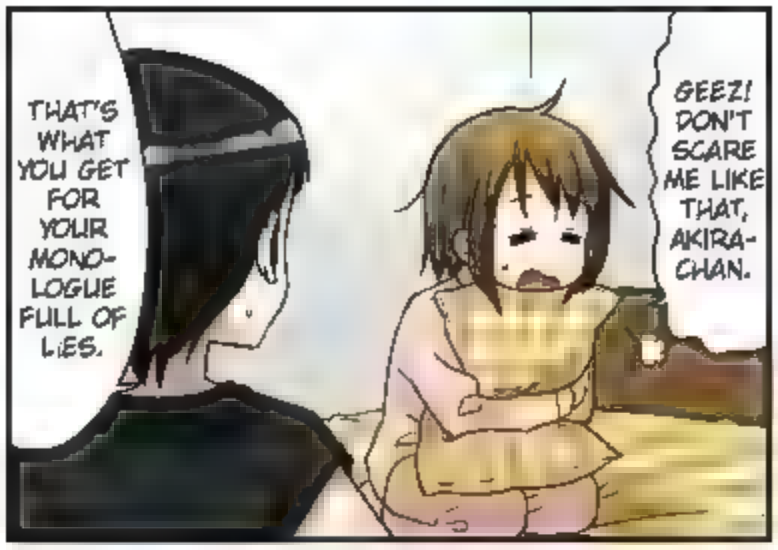

BUT I'M STILL HANGING IN THERE! ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
BACK TO BED♡
CLASSES ARE TOUGH, THERE'S LOTS OF WORK, AND I GET HARDLY ANY SLEEP.

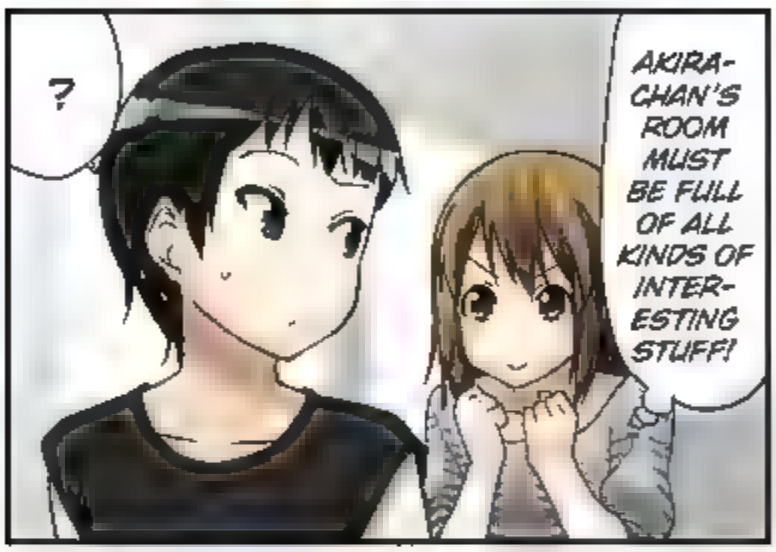

I'M DOING GREAT!
YAWWWN...
DEAR AZU-MEOW, HOW ARE YOU?


UHYAAAA!!
IT'S NOT AMAZ-ING AT ALL!!


IT'S HARD TO GET UP SO EARLY.
11 O'CLOCK


YOU KNOW, I'M JEAL-OUS OF HOW NOTHING FAZES YOU...
HEH-HEH-HEH! AKIRA-CHAN'S ROOM!


THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR MONO-LOGUE FULL OF LIES.
GEEZ! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT, AKIRA-CHAN.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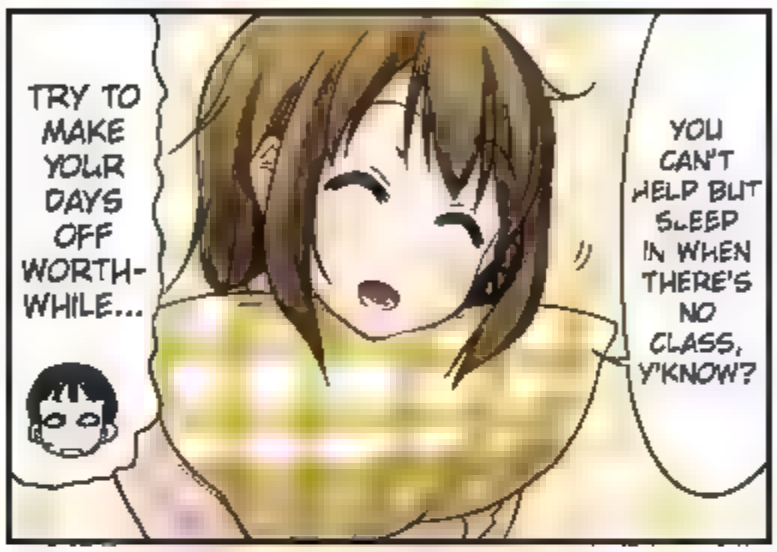
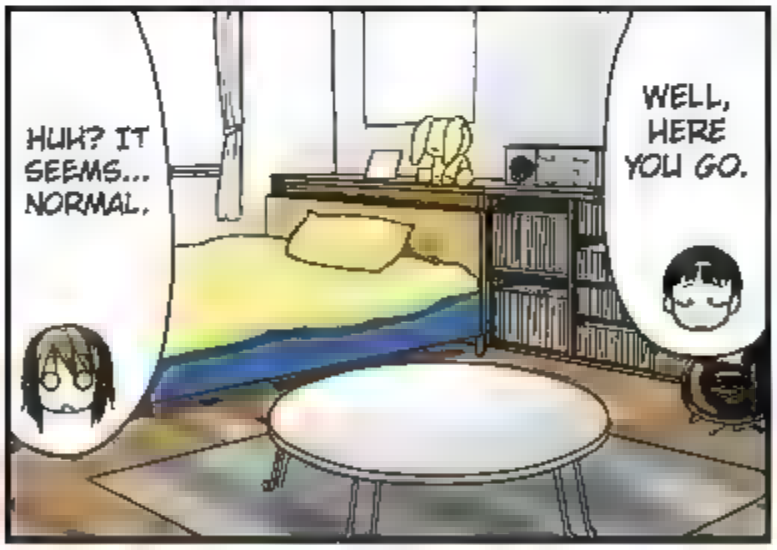
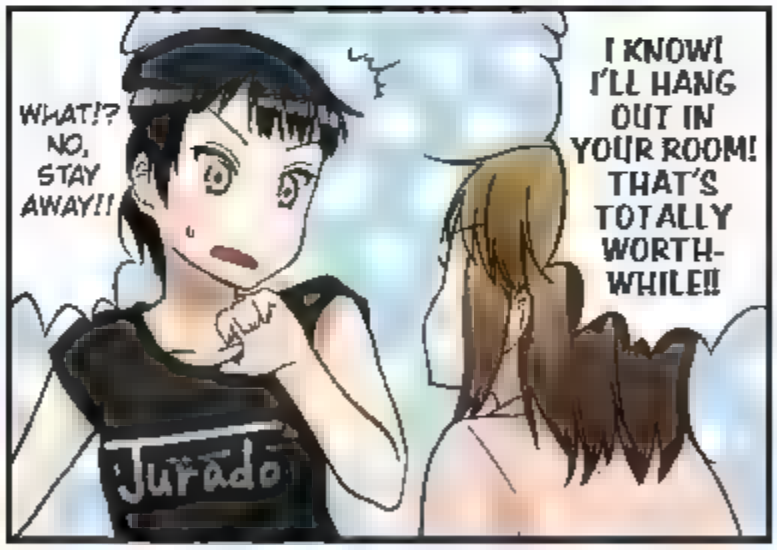
AKIRA-CHAN'S ROOM MUST BE FULL OF ALL KINDS OF INTER-ESTING STUFF!


TRY TO MAKE YOUR DAYS OFF WORTH-WHILE...
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT SLEEP IN WHEN THERE'S NO CLASS, Y'KNOW?


HUH? IT SEEMS... NORMAL.
WELL, HERE YOU GO.


WHAT!? NO, STAY AWAY!!
I KNOW! I'LL HANG OUT IN YOUR ROOM! THAT'S TOTALLY WORTH-WHILE!!
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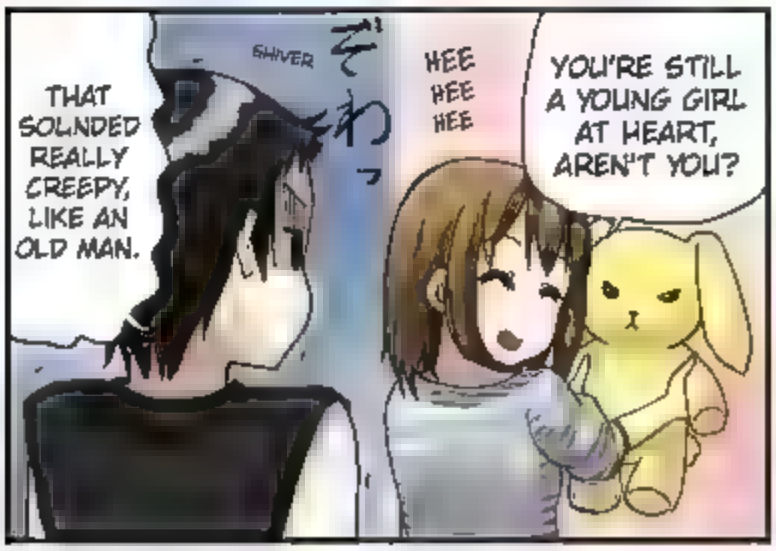
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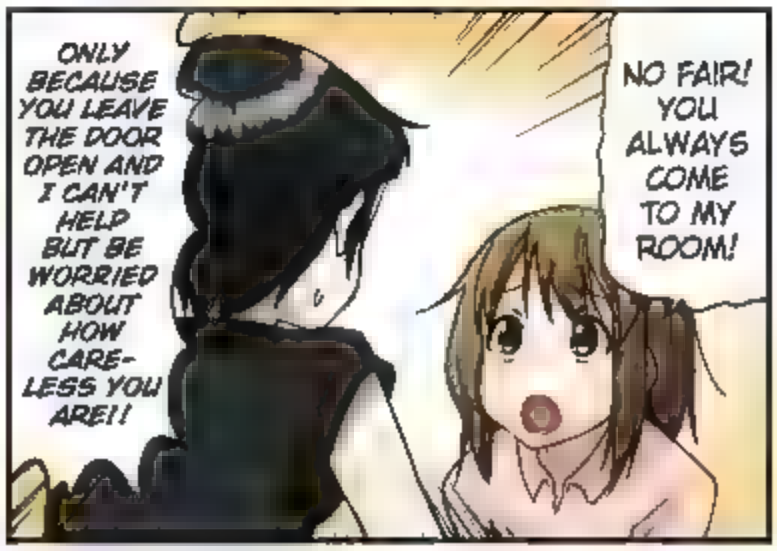
THAT SOUNDED REALLY CREEPY, LIKE AN OLD MAN.
HEE HEE HEE
YOU'RE STILL A YOUNG GIRL AT HEART, AREN'T YOU?


ONLY BECAUSE YOU LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN AND I CAN'T HELP BUT BE WORRIED ABOUT HOW CARE-LESS YOU ARE!!
NO FAIR! YOU ALWAYS COME TO MY ROOM!

ARE YOU MAKING A FUNNY FACE?

WHYYY?

THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL LOOK AT THIS IS OVER MY DEAD BODY!!

SHUT UP! I LOOK BEAUTIFUL IN ALL OF THEM!!

HOY!

ALL I HAVE TO SERVE IS WATER.

THANKS!

THAT'S COLD.

THAT'S NOT A CONVINCING EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE...

AREN'T WE FRIENDS, AKIRA-CHAN?

SHOW ME YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ALBUM! I WANT TO SEE YOU GUYS IN HIGH SCHOOL!

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO HERE?

OH, HEY! WE'RE PLAYING A SHOW SOON, SO WOULD YOU GUYS BE GOOD FRIENDS AND BUY SOME TICKETS?

AWW, THAT'S NO FUN!

I DON'T BRING THE PAST WITH ME. MY ALBUM'S BACK AT HOME.

YOU GUYS ARE WORTH-LESS FRIENDS !!

I DIDN'T EVEN SAV THE DATE.

MY SCHEDULE IS FULL THAT DAY...

UH...I'M CLEANED OUT FOR THE MONTH.

WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AYAME !?

I'M BACK ONLY ONE CLASS TODAY

HEYA.

WHAT ARE YOU SHOW-ING OFF FOR? HERE'S MY ALBUM, YUI-CHAN.

WELL, HERE WE ARE...
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT AKIRA-CHAN'S GRADUATION ALBUM!
?

AKIRA'S EMBARRASSING PAST IS CAPTURED IN THIS ALBUM!☆
SHUT UP!
EMBARRASSING PAST..?

I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN'T SEE IT!!
OH, PLAY NICE
I GUESS IT'S JUST YUI BEING CRAZY AS USUAL...

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T LOOK AT IT YET, THEN.
EH?

I'D RATHER NOT. IT'S NOT RIGHT TO AKIRA.
MIO...
THANK YOU
LET'S GO, MUGI...

YUI...
I'D BETTER SAVE IT UNTIL MIO-CHAN AND MUGI-CHAN GET HERE SO WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER!
IS SHE ACTUALLY NICE AT HEART..?

WHOA
SHE'S READY TO LOOK!!
LOOM

HOWWW DAAARE YOUUU!?
THEY'RE BEST OF FRIENDS NOW.
STRETCH
URRH

SHE LOOKS SO PRETTY!♡

A-ARE YOU KIDDING!? THAT'S AKIRA!?

WHY DID YOU CUT YOUR HAIR?

AYAME HADN'T PERMED HER HAIR YET.

SACHI HAYASH.

MASAYO FUKUDA

OH, IT'S SACHI-CHAN AND AYAME-CHAN.

IT WAS AGAINST SCHOOL RULES.

WELL, THAT SETTLES IT. I SHOULDN'T CONTINUE...

WHY DO YOU CARE? TOPIC OVER!

...YOU WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE THAT HAIR-STYLE?

AH! AKIRA-CHAN!

WANT 'EM?

AYAME, I'VE GOT MIDTERM ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' TESTS...

WHO'S THAT CUTE GIRL IN THE MIDDLE?

THIS ONE IS FROM OUR SECOND YEAR.

LABEL: SCHOOL FESTIVAL

DON'T SELL ME OUT FOR OLD ANSWERS!!

SACHI, HOLD HER DOWN.

SORRY, AKIRA ♡

WHAAAT!?

YES, WE'D PLAY AT THE SCHOOL FEST AND THE STUDENTS WOULD VOTE.

REMEMBER THE POPULARITY POLL FOR OUR SCHOOL'S BANDS?

YEP. AKIRA NEVER SPOKE A WORD.

RRRGH

THE THREE OF US MET IN THE POP MUSIC CLUB.

I WANT TO COME IN FIRST NEXT TIME!

SO AKIRA SAID...

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

BUT ONE DAY WE ASKED HER, "WHY DID YOU JOIN THE CLUB?"

WAIT —

IF WE CAN DO THAT, I'LL ASK SENPAI OUT!!

SORRY, SORRY! I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT, BUT...

UM...I THOUGHT MAEDA-SENPAI FROM THE POP MUSIC CLUB WAS REALLY, REALLY COOL...

YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THIS AFTER ALL, MIO-CHAN.

AND THEN? WHAT HAPPENED?

CRANK

SORRY, WHO IS THA—

THAT'S A VERY APPROPRIATE REACTION.

JUST GET OVER IT ALREADY!

WHO THE HELL IS THAT!?

HEY, WADA? ABOUT YESTER-DAY...

WADA !?

SEN-PAI.

AND THEN, THE VERY NEXT DAY...

SO HOW THE HECK DID WADA'S BAND WIN THE CONTEST?

TH-THANKS, YOU TWO.

LOOK, THERE'S SENPAI! BREAK A LEG!

AND GUESS WHAT? WE CAME IN FIRST.

SENPAI, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.

THAT WASN'T WHAT I REALLY THOUGHT. I ACTUALLY VOTED FOR YOUR BAND..... !?

I DUNNO, I'D PREFER THAT BANDS GET JUDGED ON THE R TALENT. WHAT DO YOU THINK, MAEDA?

HUH? THEY WERE CUTE. I LIKED IT!

UM, GOOD POINT...

...SHE HAD CHOPPED ALL HER HAIR OFF.

I'LL SHOW YOU!! I'M GOING TO PRACTICE MY ASS OFF AND GO PRO SO THAT YOU CAN'T EVER CLAIM I'M POPULAR BECAUSE I'M A GIRL!

CRAP

AH...

IT'S PROBA-BLY NOT FAIR TO WIN A POPU-LARITY CONTEST ON LOOKS ALONE ..

STOP IT!!

パチ パチ CLAP CLAP パチ パチ CLAP CLAP

AND HERE WE ARE TODAY.

AKIRA !?

DASH

SETTLE DOWN, MUGI.

AAAHHH♡

OH, THAT'S SO GREAT... SHE'S LIVING A FULFILLING YOUTH...

YES, MUGI-CHAN!

QUESTION!!

...WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS?

SUDDENLY I FEEL A LOT CLOSER TO YOU

YOU'RE A NORMAL GIRL JUST LIKE US!

SO YOU WERE A DREAMING YOUNG GIRL ONCE AKIRA...

WELL SPOTTED, MUGI-CHAN! SHE STILL CAN'T GET OVER HIM!

IF SHE WANTS TO "SHOW HIM," DOES THAT MEAN AKIRA-CHAN HASN'T GIVEN UP ON HER SENPAI YET?

BUT YOU WERE HALF-ENJOYING THIS.

SEE? AREN'T YOU GLAD WE TOLD THEM?

YES, YES, THAT'S EXACTLY IT! THEY'RE BOTH JUST BEING STUBBORN!

WHAT IF HE'S INTO HER TOO? IT SOUNDED LIKE MAYBE HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO SAY THAT PUBLICLY.

THANKS A LOT, DAMMIT!!

IN THAT CASE, I'LL TAKE THREE!

I'LL BUY TWO TICKETS, AKIRA-CHAN! THANKS FOR THE GREAT STORY!

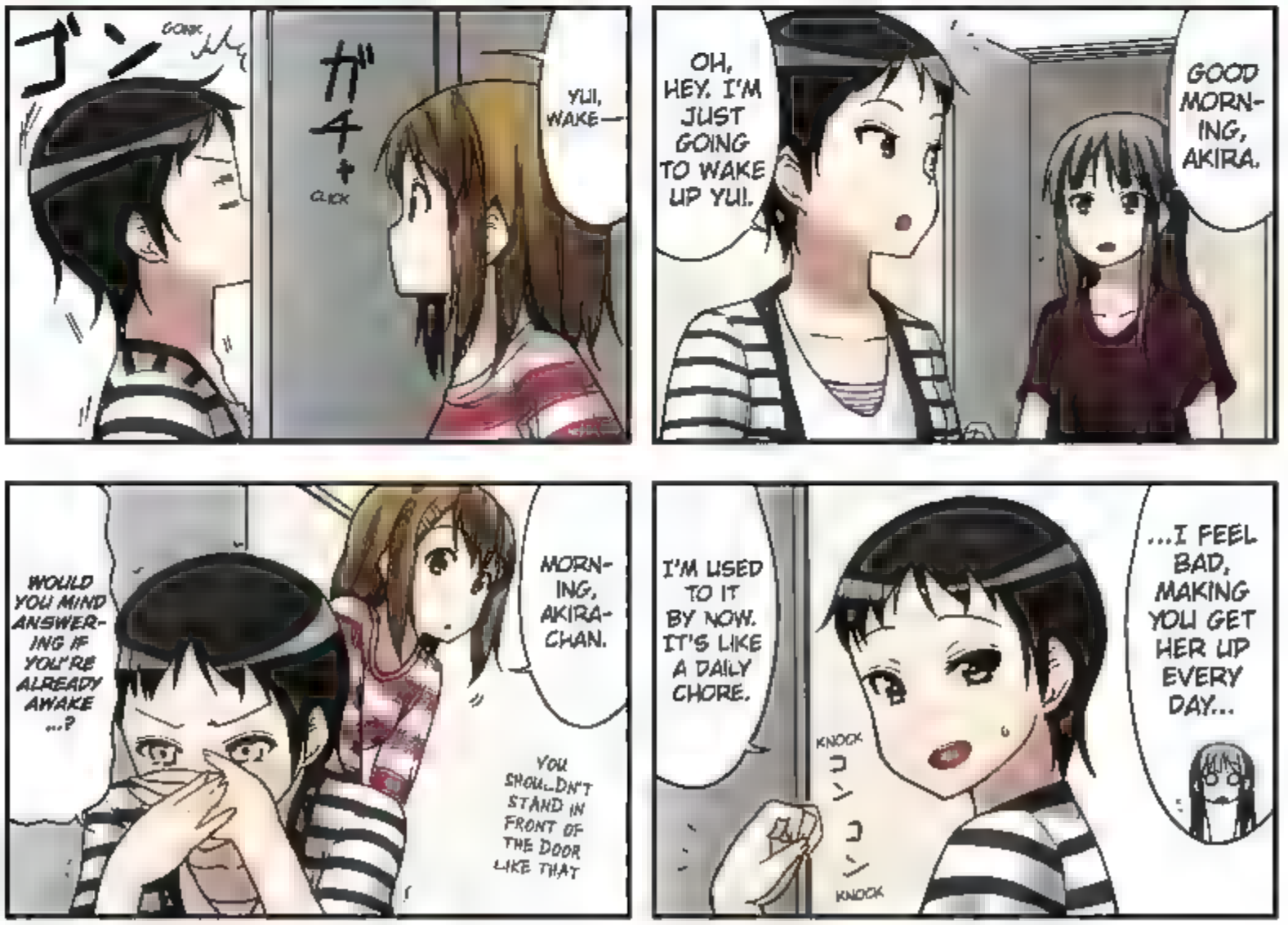
HANG IN THERE, AKIRA...

HA-HA HA HA-HA

HEE HEE

HEE HEE

# After School TeaTime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CLICK
YUI, WAKE—
OH, HEY. I'M JUST GOING TO WAKE UP YUI.
GOOD MORNING, AKIRA.
WOULD YOU MIND ANSWERING IF YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE ...?
MORNING, AKIRA-CHAN.
YOU SHOU..DN'T STAND IN FRONT OF THE DOOR LIKE THAT
I'M USED TO IT BY NOW. IT'S LIKE A DAILY CHORE.
KNOCK
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KNOCK
...I FEEL BAD, MAKING YOU GET HER UP EVERY DAY...

ARE YOU TRYING TO FIX YOUR DAILY SCHED-ULE?

START

Y'KNOW, LIFE WOULD BE EASIER FOR ME IF YOU ALWAYS WOKE UP LIKE THIS...

IT'S SO WEIRD FOR YUI TO ACTUALLY BE HERE EATING BREAKFAST WITH US.

WH-WHAT?

ずいっ LEAN

WOW, REAL-LY?

SHE ALWAYS EITHER GETS UP RIGHT AS WE FINISH, OR GOES WITHOUT EATING.

PLUCK ひと!!

INCH

ビクッ

OH? YOU SURE ATE FAST...

THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

SHIVER ぞわっ

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST USED THE WORD "WELL-GROOM-ED"...

GRIN にこー

YOU HAD A BIT OF DIRT IN YOUR HAIR. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR GIRLS TO BE WELL-GROOMED, SO MAKE SURE YOU'RE VIGILANT!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM MISS ALWAYS-LATE-TO-EVERYTHING!!

BETTER HURRY UP, OR YOU'LL BE LATE.

HEY, YUI!

...WITH YUI.
SOME-THING'S WRONG...

NO, RIT-CHAN. DON'T YOU KNOW SNACKING IS BAD FOR YOU?
WANNA TRY THE NEW PLUCKY FLAVOR?

S-SETTLE DOWN, AKIRA.
YOU STARTLED ME
I MEAN, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER, BUT THIS IS DIFFER-ENT...

SORRY, AYAME-CHAN, I HAVE TO GET READY FOR BAND PRACTICE...
WANNA TRY THIS NEW GAME, YUI-CHAN? IT'S REALLY FUN!

WAIT, MIO! LET'S OBSERVE FIRST.
HUH? WHY!?
HAS SOME-THING ABOUT HER MENTAL STATE CHANGED? HEY, YUI.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER...?
THIS IS REALLY FUNNY.
C'MON, EVERY-ONE! GET CRACK-ING!

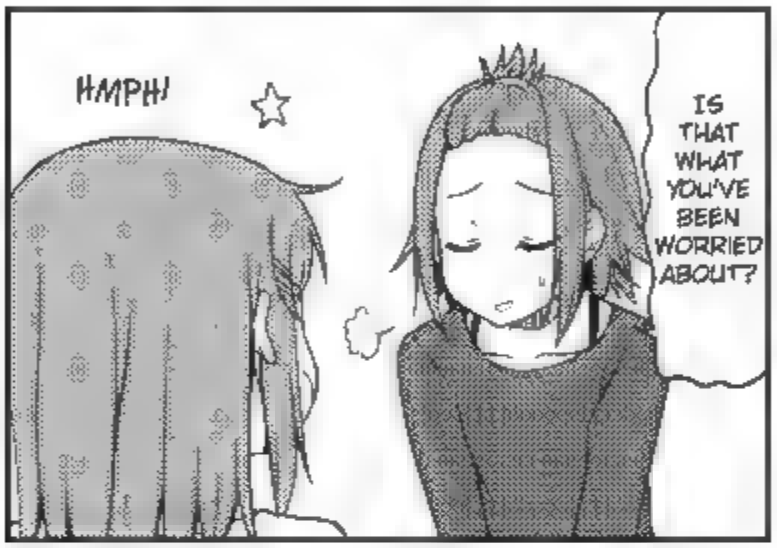
COME ON...
BECAUSE THIS COULD BE ENTERTAINING!

DID YOU EAT SOME-THING THAT WENT BAD?
EH?
EH?
WHAT IS IT, YUI? WHAT'S WITH YOU TODAY?
GIYUONYYNG
THIS IS A MANGA
ANY JUMPS HERE?
IF THIS WERE A MANGA, YOU'D HAVE HIT YOUR HEAD, WHICH CAUSED YOU TO CHANGE PER-SONAL-ITIES..
WOW, AWE-SOME!
SHE SOUNDS, REALLY GOOD...
HMM?
UM... RIT-CHAN...
C'MON, RITSU..
I DUNNO, I'M STARTING TO THINK MAYBE IT'S BETTER WITH YUI ACTING THIS WAY.
SAYS THE BIG-GEST CLING-ER OF THEM ALL!!
I DON'T FEEL COM-FORTABLE WITH YOU CLINGING TO ME LIKE THIS IN PUBLIC...
UGH, PISS OFF!!
GET IT TOGETHER!
HEY! RIT-CHAN! YOU KEEP SPEEDING UP DURING THE CHORUS!

AHA!
MM...
EH?
HMM... WHAT!? DO YOU HAVE A FEVER, YUI!?
HUH... WHAT DID I...?
YOU HAD A FEVER, AND YOU TOTALLY PASSED OUT! YOU ALL RIGHT?
I-I'M JUST FINE! TOTALLY OKAY!!
FEVER!?
MAYBE YOU HIT YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU FAINTED
RISE
EH!?
...I DON'T RE-MEM-BER.
I'M FI—
YOU MEAN SHE WAS DOING ALL THAT TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUSLY!?
NO, I MEAN... I DON'T REMEM-BER ANYTHING SINCE LAST NIGHT...
YUI!?
FLOMP
バターン

...THEN IT MADE ME WONDER, WHY ARE WE DOING IT? THEN I COULDN'T STOP...
WHEN I HEARD AKIRA-CHAN WAS WORK-ING TO BE A PRO MUSI-CIAN...

OVER-HEAT ED YOUR BRAIN, EH?
OH, I'M FINE! I WAS THINKING REALLY HARD RECENTLY, WHICH PROBABLY GAVE ME A FEVER.
ARE YOU OKAY? SHOULD WE TAKE YOU TO A DOC-TOR?


HMPH!
IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT?

UMM... WELL...
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT? PROBLEM ON YOUR MIND?

EH!? ME!?
THEN WHY ARE YOU PLAYING MUSIC, RIT-CHAN!?

... WHAT IS... MUSIC ?
I WAS WON-DER-ING...

WOW, LOOK AT YOU, PRE-PARING FOR OLD AGE.
UM... STAVING OFF ALZHEI-MER'S?

NO, I'M FINE NOW !!
YOU STILL FEELING FEVER-ISH...?

I-I'LL GET AROUND TO THAT LATER!

DON'T JUST COME UP WITH IDEAS OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD. HOW WILL WE "COMPETE," ANYWAY?

SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO OVERHEAR...

LOOK, YOU DON'T NEED TO OVERTHINK THIS...

PREZ YOSHII ...

WHAT!? I'M NOT SCARED!! YOU'RE ON!!

WHAT'S THIS, AKIRA-CHAN? ARE YOU AFRAID YOU MIGHT LOSE?

HUH!? WHERE'S THE SENSE IN THAT!?

THIS CALLS FOR A CONTEST! SQUARE OFF AGAINST THE GIRLZ, AND IF YOU WIN, YOU'LL SEE THE ANSWER!

HUH? OKAY.

BUT BEFORE THAT... TRY PLAYING GUITAR, YUI.

WE CAN TURN IT INTO OUR EVENT!

SO HOW ABOUT IT? A CONTEST BETWEEN THE GIRLZ AND AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME AT THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

...GREAT, I THINK WE'LL NEED YUI TO OVERHEAT HER BRAIN AGAIN BEFORE THE CONTEST...

BLONGGG

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IF A PRO-LEANING BAND PLAYS AT THE FEST, PEOPLE WILL HEAR ABOUT THE POP MUSIC CLUB, WHICH MEANS...MORE MEMBERS AND CLUB FEES!

WOW, THAT SOUNDS NEAT!

GET UP, DAMN IT!

HEY! YUI!

コンコン KNOCK KNOCK

THE NEXT DAY

MAN, THAT WAS A MAJOR SHOCK YESTER-DAY.

BUT I'M GLAD SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL. NOW I GET TO WAKE HER UP AGAIN...

SHEESH... SHE'S SUCH A HAND-FUL...

THAT MIGHT BE EVEN MORE SHOCKING THAN THE CHANGE IN HER PERSON-ALITY.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT YUI COULD BE SO DEEP!

EH? I'M JUST SPEAKING YOUR THOUGHTS ALOUD.

I WASN'T THINKING THAT!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TALKING BEHIND MY BACK?

DEFI-NITELY!

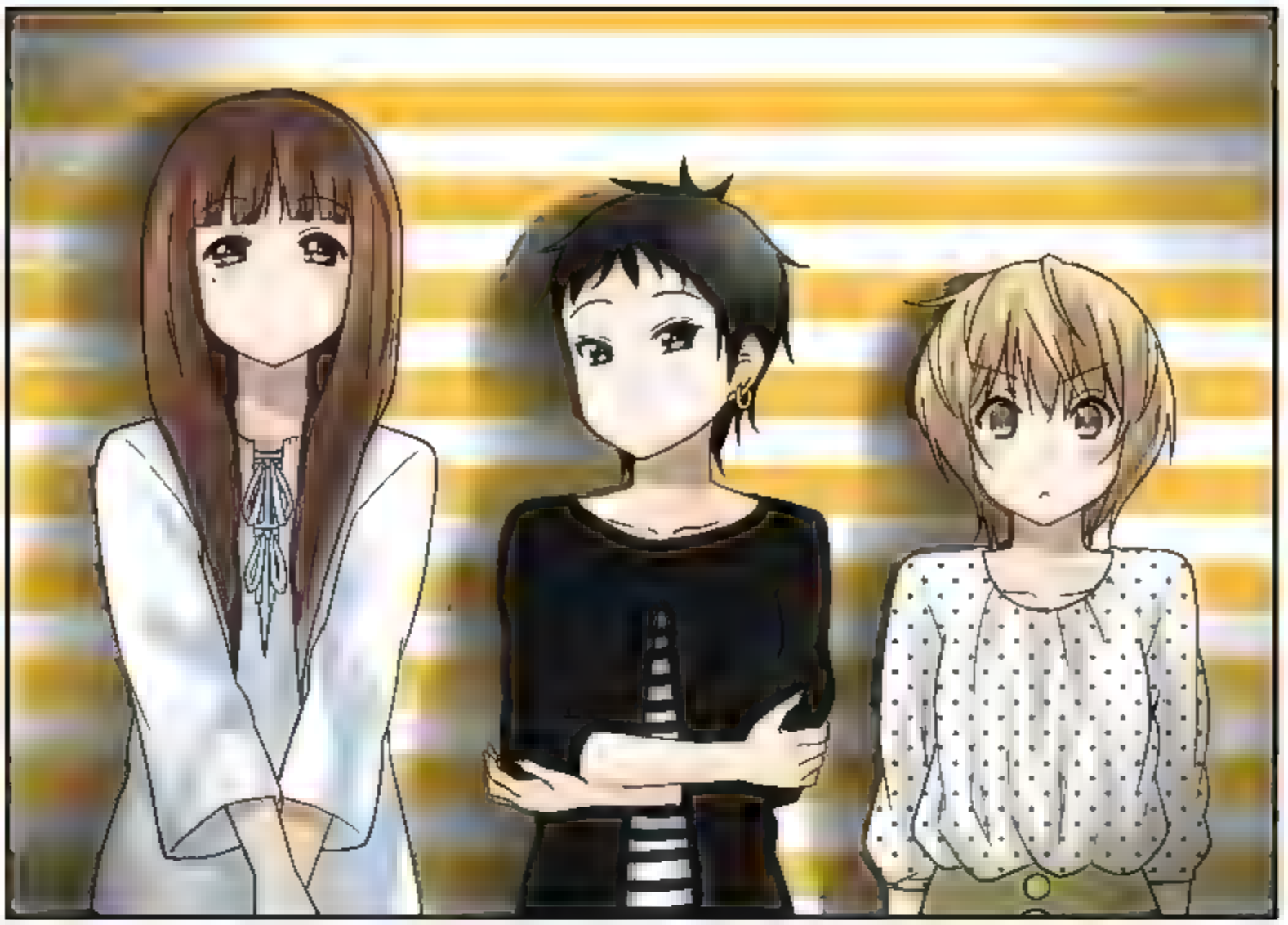
BUT I'M GLAD SHE'S BACK TO THE OLD YUI-CHAN!

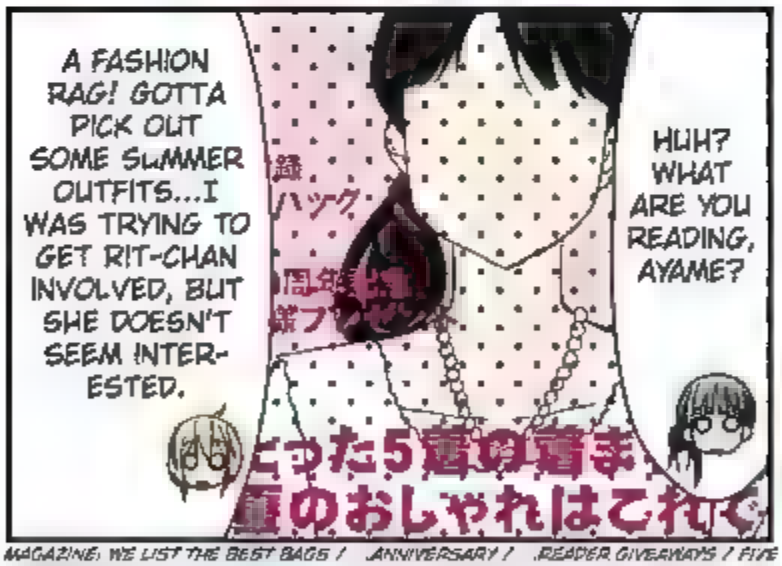
ピターン TWAM

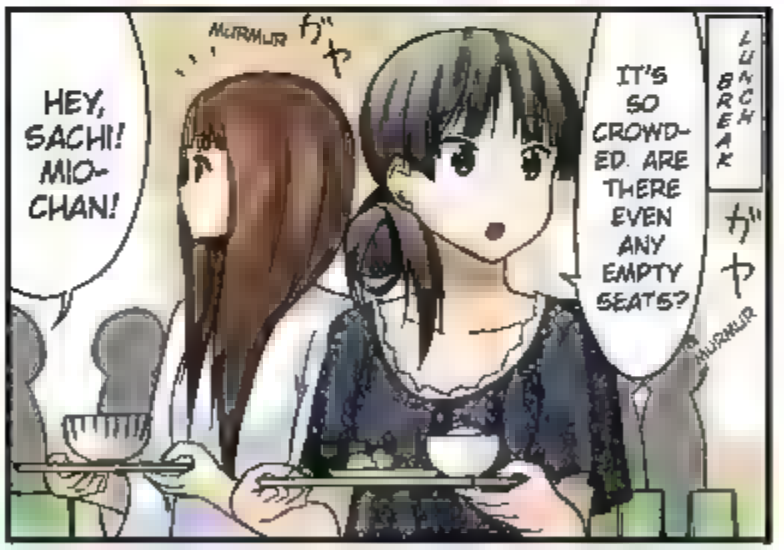
AHH, I'M LATE! WHY DIDN'T ANY-ONE WAKE ME UP!?

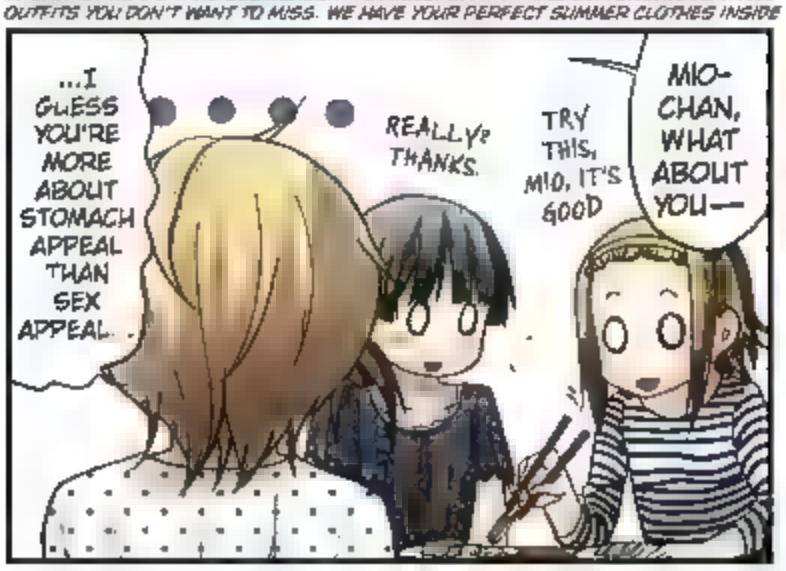
OKAY, OKAY, I'LL GO WAKE HER UP!!

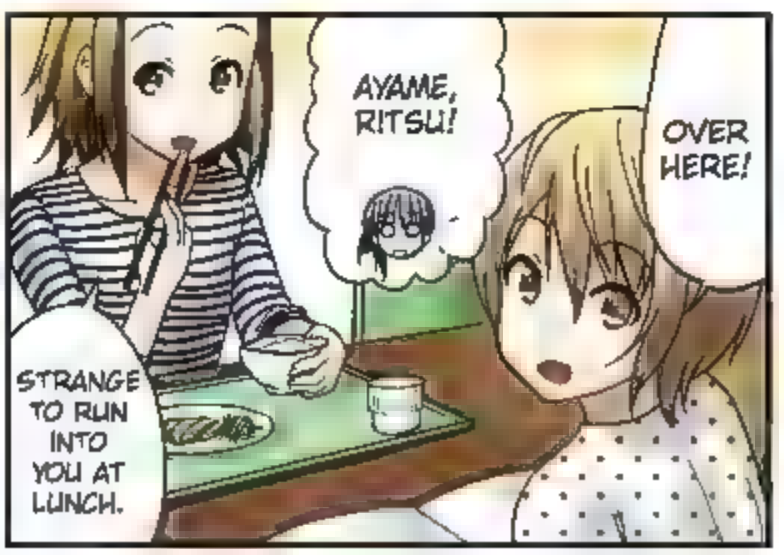
AND NOW SHE'S SLEEPING IN AGAIN...




A FASHION RAG! GOTTA PICK OUT SOME SUMMER OUTFITS...I WAS TRYING TO GET RIT-CHAN INVOLVED, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU READING, AYAME?
MAGAZINE) WE LIST THE BEST BAGS / ANNIVERSARY / READER GIVEAWAYS / FIVE OUTFITS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS. WE HAVE YOUR PERFECT SUMMER CLOTHES INSIDE


HEY, SACHI! MIO-CHAN!
MURMUR
IT'S SO CROWDED. ARE THERE EVEN ANY EMPTY SEATS?
LUNCH BREAK
MURMUR


...I GUESS YOU'RE MORE ABOUT STOMACH APPEAL THAN SEX APPEAL.
REALLY? THANKS.
TRY THIS, MIO, IT'S GOOD
MIO-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT YOU—


AYAME, RITSU!
OVER HERE!
STRANGE TO RUN INTO YOU AT LUNCH.

WHAT? YOU'RE DONE AL-READY?

CLINK カチャッ

SIGH...MAYBE I JUST NEED TO CUT DOWN ON MY CALORIE INTAKE.

IT'S OKAY, TAKE YOUR TIME...

I CAN'T UNDER-STAND YOU.

THISH ISH WUMMY!

AH! FWOWWY! IKH NOGH LIKE I WAFN'G LIFEHEMING...

WHAA—!?

ぱくっ CHOMP

ZWIP

DON'T MIND IF I DO, THEN!

AWW, THAT'S NO FUN.

WHAT'S THAT POSE FOR?

ALL YOU NEED FOR SUMMER IS A FEW T-SHIRTS AND POLO SHIRTS!!

WHAT? YOU WEREN'T FIN-ISHED?

POUT

D-DO I...?

YOU USUALLY WEAR PRETTY FRUMPY CLOTHES, MIO-CHAN...

I AL-READY GAVE YOU MINE!!

VEP

I WAS SAVING THAT FRIED CHICKEN! BEST FOR LAST!

THEY'RE SO CLOSE

DON'T BE A SORE LOSER!

I SAID MAYBE I NEED TO CUT BACK!

YOU KNOW YOU JUST ADMITTED IT, RIGHT?

IT WAS ONLY FIVE!!

WELL, MIO GAINED SEVEN POUNDS BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL, SO SHE CAN'T WEAR ANYTHING THAT ACCENTUATES HER FIGURE.

I WISH I COULD WEAR SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

...MUTTER...

THIS ONE LOOKS REALLY PRET-TY...

LET'S GO CLOTHES SHOPPING THIS WEEKEND, SACHI.

NO, THANKS. I'M TOO TALL TO FIT ANY NICE CLOTHES, AND THE PLUS-SIZE KIND ARE EXPEN-SIVE.

B-BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL LOOK GOOD ON ME!!

SEE, I KNEW YOU WERE INTER-ESTED!!

ビクッ FLINCH

SHE'S GOT A POINT!

SERI-OUSLY? YOU'RE A COLLEGE STUDENT IN FULL BLOOM, AND THAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

YOU AND SACHI, YOU BOTH HAVE THE SAME EXCUSES NOT TO DRESS UP.

YEAH, GOOD POINT.

THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN YOU WANT TO DRESS FASHION-ABLY, AND IT'LL BE TOO LATE!!

ONCE FLOWERS BLOOM, THE END IS NEAR!

HOW CAN YOU FIND SOLI-DAR-ITY IN SUCH A NEGA-TIVE THING?

ガシッ SHAKE

CLUB PRESI-DENT...

SORRY FOR THE BOTHER.

NOW'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!

HUH!? Y-YOU THINK SO...?

IT'S WEIRD, YOU DON'T LOOK CHUBBY ENOUGH THAT YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR WEIGHT.

LOOM

HUH? OH, SURE!

MIO-CHAN! WANT TO CONTINUE TODAY'S CONVERSATION IN MY ROOM?

THAT NIGHT

## FRESH OUT OF THE BATH

?

MM-HMM?

WELL, YOU SEE, AYAME...

PARDON ME.

COME ON IN.

MY FIRST TRIP TO AYAME'S ROOM. I'M SO NERVOUS!

SQUISH むにゃ

LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

YEP, SHE ASKED ME TO COME.

OH, SACHI'S HERE TOO.

DON'T CRY ABOUT IT.

SHE WAS HIDING MELONS UNDER THAT GRANDMA SHIRT!

I NEVER KNEW! LARGER BREASTS MEANS GREATER WEIGHT!!

!?

HOW CAN SHE BE SO AT HOME IN ANOTHER PERSON'S ROOM?

YO.

..AND RITSU...

I DON'T GET WHY YOU'RE SO NEUROTIC WHEN YOU ALREADY HAVE NICE BODIES!!

GWEGH!

FINE, FINE, I'LL JUST BE OVER HERE WITH MY MEASLY A-CUP!!

SHE SURE MAKES GROPING LOOK TOTALLY NORMAL.

THOSE SURE WERE BIG. ABOUT SACHI'S SIZE, I'D GUESS.

SA-CHI...

YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT, AYAME. PEOPLE GET COMPLEXES ABOUT ALL KINDS OF THINGS. IT'S VERY PERSONAL.

UM, WELL ...

WHAT'S YOUR BRA SIZE, SACHI?

LIKE HAVING A NICE BODY, OR LARGE BOOBS...

Y-YEAH, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...

YEAH, I KNOW!

ISN'T IT HARD TO FIND CUTE BRAS IN A LARGE SIZE?

OH, THAT'S MY SIZE!

WOW, SHE'S REALLY FOCUSED ON THAT ONE!!

...OR BEING TALL, OR BEING TALL, OR BEING TALL...

SO THIS IS HOW STACKED GIRLS TALK...

WITH FEWER COLORS AND CHOICES.

AND THEY'RE PRICIER TOO.

I CAN HARDLY RECOGNIZE HER!

IT LOOKS VERY CUTE.

TA-DAA! WELL?

HUH!? IT'S OKAY...

I'M SORRY, MIO-CHAN! I WAS SO INCONSIDERATE!!

THERE, SEE? YOU LOOK GOOD!

THIS IS... ME?

UM, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO FORGIVE. BUT, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER...

WILL YOU FORGIVE ME IF I SHOW YOU HOW I COORDINATE OUTFITS?

UM, OKAY! OOPS ...

NOW TAKE IT OFF! WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH THIS STACK!!

キラーン

YOU'RE SURE?

NO PROBLEM. NO PROBLEM AT ALL... HA-HA... HA...

I'M SO SORRY! I STRETCHED YOUR T-SHIRT OUT!!

HUH? IS THAT WHAT SHE MEANT BY "COORDINATING"?

NOW YOU'RE MY DRESS-UP DOLL, MIO-CHAN!!

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

WELL, GOOD NIGHT!

HEY, IT WAS TIME BETTER SPENT THAN DRESSING UP WITH SAWA-CHAN, RIGHT?

AHH, THAT WAS FUN...

SHE'S BEEN SENSI-TIVE TO TRENDS FOR AS LONG AS I'VE KNOWN HER.

PLAT

PLAT

AYAME'S JUST SUCH A "GIRL," YOU KNOW? SHE KNOWS ALL THIS STUFF I DON'T.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN POUNDED FLAT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, THOUGH...

HOW RARE!

WOW, MIO'S PUMPED.

I'M GOING TO DIET MY BUNS OFF SO I CAN WEAR CUTE STUFF THIS SUMMER!!

HUH!? YOU DON'T NEED TO, NOT AT ALL!!

...MAYBE I SHOULD DIET TOO.

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BWOOSH

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THIS, AYAME!

IT WON'T.

BUT WHAT IF IT HELPS ME SHRINK MY HEIGHT ...?

SHE'S SO CUTE ♡

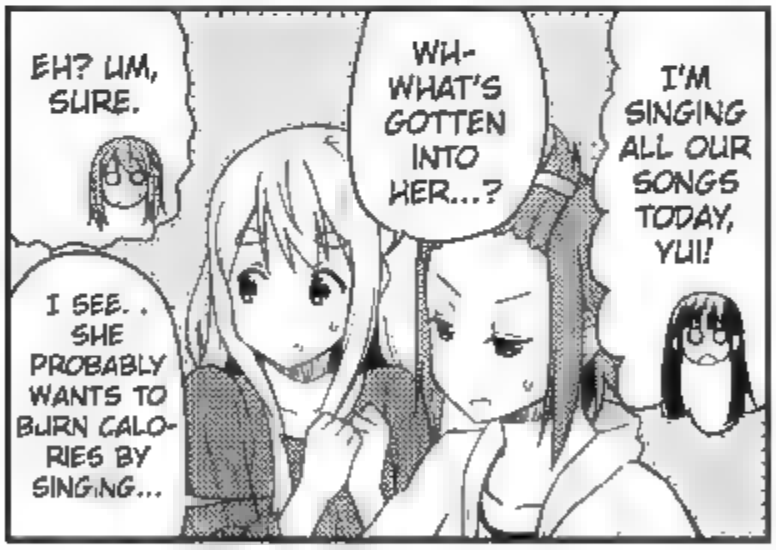
YOU'RE FOR-GIVEN!!

YOU'RE ALL LATE!!
REALLY!?
SO THEN
THE NEXT DAY AT THE CLUB

AAAH!
THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!

C'MON, TIME'S A WASTING! GET READY!
MIO-CHAN?

EVERYTHING'S JUST SO NEW AT COLLEGE! EVERY DAY'S A NEW EXPE-RIENCE!
I FEEL LIKE I GREW A LOT CLOSER TO AYAME AND SACHI!


EH? UM, SURE.
WH-WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER...?
I'M SINGING ALL OUR SONGS TODAY, YUI!
I SEE.. SHE PROBABLY WANTS TO BURN CALO-RIES BY SINGING...

I NEED TO LOOK UP A GOOD DIET METHOD ONLINE.
WHOOPS, WHY AM I SPACING OUT?

AREN'T YOU SEEK-ING THE ANSWER TO WHAT MUSIC IS?
TUG
I JUST REMEM-BERED SOME URGENT BUSI-NESS I NEED TO SEE TO...
YOU REALLY HAVE A SENSE FOR IMPENDING DANGER, DON'T YOU?
I FEEL LIKE TODAY'S PRACTICE IS GONNA BE REAL TOUGH

THIS IS IT!!
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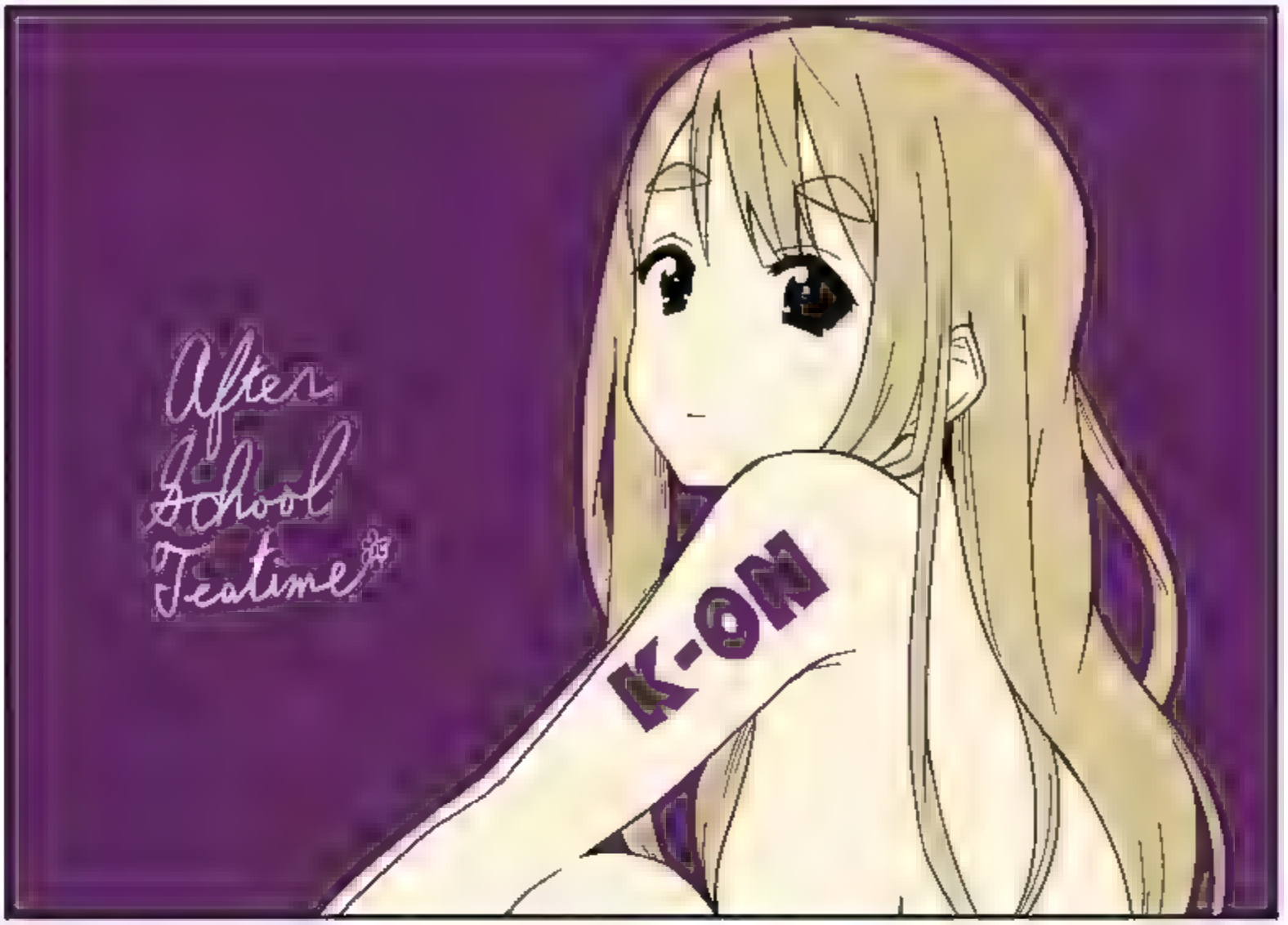
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AND WHAT IF YOU CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES?
THANKS, GOOD IDEA— HUH?
GOOD POINT, MAYBE I'M OVER-LAPPING WITH THE BASS. I'LL TRY THAT.

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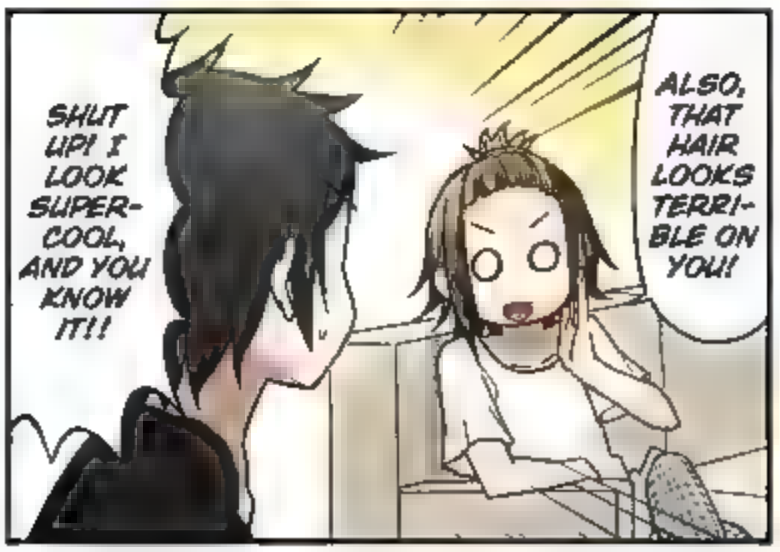
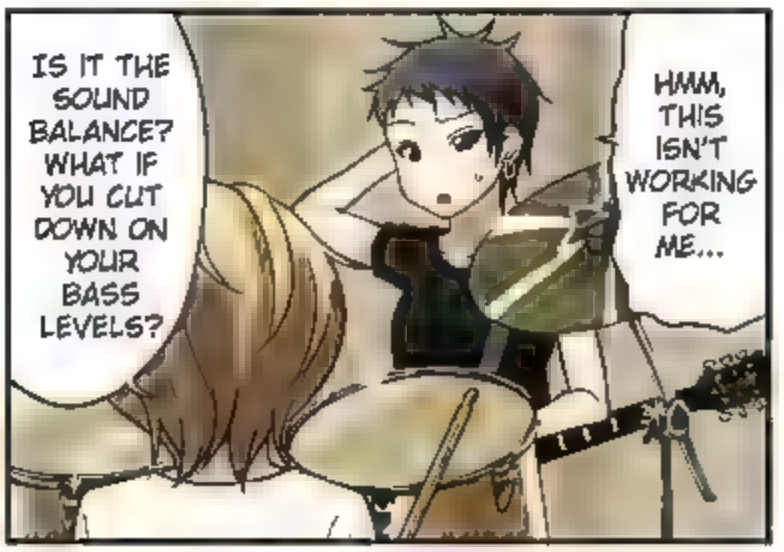

SHUT UP! I LOOK SUPER-COOL, AND YOU KNOW IT!!
ALSO, THAT HAIR LOOKS TERRI-BLE ON YOU!


IS IT THE SOUND BALANCE? WHAT IF YOU CUT DOWN ON YOUR BASS LEVELS?
HMM, THIS ISN'T WORKING FOR ME...

THANKS, I'LL HAVE SOME.

HOW ABOUT YOU, HIROSE-SENPAI?

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS HANGING OUT HERE WHILE WE PRAC-TICE!?

WHY ...?

ACTU-ALLY, IT SEEMS LIKE THE CLUB PRESI-DENT IS ALWAYS AROUND TOO.

DANG. THESE ARE GOOD

CLUB PREZ?

AYAME AND I, MIO AND SACHI, AND YUI AND YOU ARE IN THE SAME SCHOOLS, SO OUR FREE TIME ALWAYS OVERLAPS.

OH, GOOD POINT

EH!?

IT'S FUNNY, I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOUR FAMILY WAS REALLY RICH, BUT YOU SEEM SO... COMMON TO ME.

WOW, THANKS, MUGI-CHAN!

HEY, EVERYONE, I JUST BOUGHT A NEW BRAND OF SNACKS! COME AND TRY THEM! YOU THREE TOO!

WAS THAT REALLY MEANT TO BE A HUGE COMPLI-MENT?

DID YOU HEAR THAT, MIO-CHAN!? SHE SAYS I'M COM-MON!!

... WEREN'T WE SUP-POSED TO BE COM-PETING RIVALS ...?

MMM, YUMMY!

THIS IS A CONVENIENCE STORE BRAND.

ARE YOU STILL ON ABOUT THAT?
CREAK
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I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT YOUR HAIR AND CLOTHES...

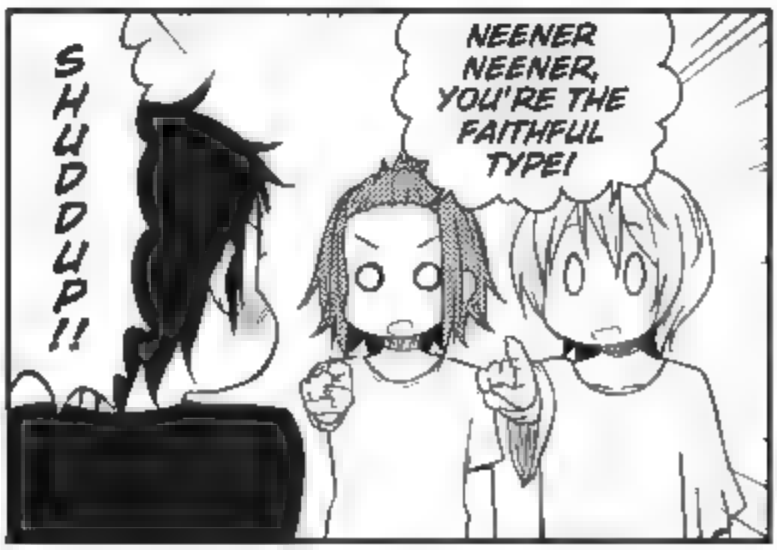
THANKS...
HAVE A TASTE
YOUR PERFORMANCES ARE SO GREAT, I CAN'T HELP BUT SIT AND ADMIRE THEM.
Maimo~

HMM?
RITSU-SAN, THAT'S NOT IT!

WHAT'S WITH THE INTERROGATION?
MUNCH MUNCH
IF YOU GUYS WANT TO MAKE YOUR CAREER AS A BAND, WHY DID YOU COME TO COLLEGE?

OH, SO THAT'S WHY SHE DOES IT!
THAT HAIRCUT WAS FASHIONED AFTER THE SINGER OF THE BAND HER CRUSH WAS OBSESSED WITH BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL!

IT HELPS TO HAVE A DEGREE IN TODAY'S WORLD
OOH, YOU'VE REALLY THOUGHT THIS THROUGH.
HEY, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN JUST SAY, "I'M GOING PRO!" AND THEN SUDDENLY YOU'RE MAKING A LIVING.


SHUDDUP!!
NEENER NEENER, YOU'RE THE FAITHFUL TYPE!

WHEN WAS I EVER A GOOF-OFF!?
AKIRA, YOU HAVE TO DECIDE ON YOUR CHARACTER: ARE YOU A GOOF-OFF, OR A STRAIGHT SHOOTER!?

THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD.

WHAT? A LEGIT PRO-LEVEL BAND?

OH?

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON I'M IN COLLEGE, THOUGH.

IT'S TRUE! MY SENPAI SAID THEY WERE SUPER-FAMOUS...

AWW, SO AKIRA WAS JUST IMAGINING THAT?

I HEARD THERE WAS A BAND AT THE POP MUSIC CLUB HERE THAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO GO PRO ANY TIME THEY WANTED...

PLUS...

WELL, IF THEY WERE REALLY THAT SPECIAL, I'D HAVE HEARD ABOUT THEM...

DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, CLUB PREZ?

OHH...? WE DON'T MEET ANY OF THE OTHER BANDS, THOUGH, SO I WOULDN'T KNOW WHO IT IS.

...OH, IS THAT SO.

...IF WE HAD SUCH A GREAT BAND, I'D USE THEM TO PROMOTE THE CLUB!

UMM...

I KNEW YOU'D CRACK...

MMM! THESE ARE GOOD!

WELL, WE NEED TO BE OFF.

OKAY, TAKE CARE.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR BAND, PREZ!

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POINK

OH, SORRY, WE'RE NOT ACTIVE ANY-MORE.

WE'RE ALL BUSY WITH GRAD THESES AND PREPAR-ING FOR JOBS.

UGH... I FEEL LIKE SHE REALLY DID EX-TRACT SOME-THING FROM ME.

HER EYES WERE DEAD SERI-OUS.

I'LL SUCK OUT YOUR YOUTH, MUGI-CHAN!

EEEK! ♡

FOR ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT HER GRADUATION THESIS, WE SURE RUN INTO HER A LOT.

YEAH, GOOD POINT.

I WISH I COULD BE A FRESH-MAN AGAIN. .

YOU KNOW, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU HAVE REALLY BEAUTIFUL SKIN.

?

ARRGH! I'M GONNA SUCK OUT YOUR YOUTH!

WHOA

HER SMILE IS SCARING ME...

I'M BET-TING AFTER WE LEAVE, SHE SITS IN THE CLUB-ROOM MIXING YOUTH PO-TIONS.

HO-HO-HO!

HO-HO!

WHAT CLUB WOULD THAT BE. .?

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GRAB
I SAID STOP!!
IT'S OKAY! I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING, I SWEAR!
OOPS, I LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND. I'M GOING BACK TO GET IT.
YOU SURE? WE'LL SEE YOU LATER, THEN.
YOU SAW EVERY-THING, DIDN'T YOU?
YES
I FORGOT MY LYRICS NOTE-BOOK.
I NEED TO GRAB IT BEFORE ANYONE TAKES A PEEK...
TEK
TEK
OH NO... I'VE BEEN EX-POSED AT LAST...
ALAS
カチャッ
CLICK
UM, ACTU-ALLY... I WASN'T THINKING THAT...?
YOU PROBABLY THINK IT'S HILARIOUS THAT AN OLD LADY LIKE ME WAS GOOFING OFF IN A HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM. IT'S OKAY, BE HONEST...
STOP, STOP! MIO-CHAN, STOP!!
バタン
THUMP

TH-THANK YOU!

GRAB

IN THAT CASE, YOU DESERVE A SPECIAL PERFOR-MANCE!

YOU TOO, HIROSE-SENPAI!?

ACTU-ALLY, OUR BAND'S STYLE IS TO PLAY IN UNI-FORM.

CHIYO!

THUMBS-UP

D-DON'T WORRY, YOU LOOK FINE! IT'S NOT PATHETIC AT ALL!!

I'M JUST KEEP-ING HER COM-PANY

WE HUNG IT UP BECAUSE IT WAS GETTING SILLY AT OUR AGE, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE KANA COULDN'T GET OVER THE IDEA AND WAS DRESSING UP AFTER WE ALL LEFT FOR THE NIGHT.

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JA-JAAANG

I BET YOU LOOK REALLY COOL PLAY-ING MUSIC WHILE WEARING IT. I REALLY WISH I COULD SEE THAT...

HMMM.

SILENCE

W-WOW... THEY'RE JUST LIKE PROS!!

HUH? A PROFES-SIONAL-CALIBER BAND...?

THAT PERKED HER UP.

GLOW

...REALLY?

OH, RIGHT! I LEFT SOME-THING BEHIND, SO...

SO WHY ARE YOU BACK HERE, AKIYAMA-SAN?

UM, WAS THE BAND AKIRA MENTIONED EARLIER ACTUALLY YOUR BAND...?

AHA! THAT'S IT!!

THIS NOTE-BOOK, PER-HAPS?

BUT I NEVER CARED ABOUT POPULAR-ITY, AND IT SEEMS LIKE KANA WASN'T AWARE OF THE RUMORS.

SHE PROB-ABLY WAS TALK-ING ABOUT US.

WHEW... I DON'T THINK SHE LOOKED INSIDE...

THANK YOU, I WILL.

TAKE BETTER CARE OF IT FROM NOW ON.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HER TO GET OVER THE UNIFORM OBSESSION AND JUST START PLAYING GUITAR AGAIN...

I'M JUST HAPPY PLAYING MUSIC WITH KANA.

SHE DID READ THEM!!

U-UNDER-STOOD!

GRIN

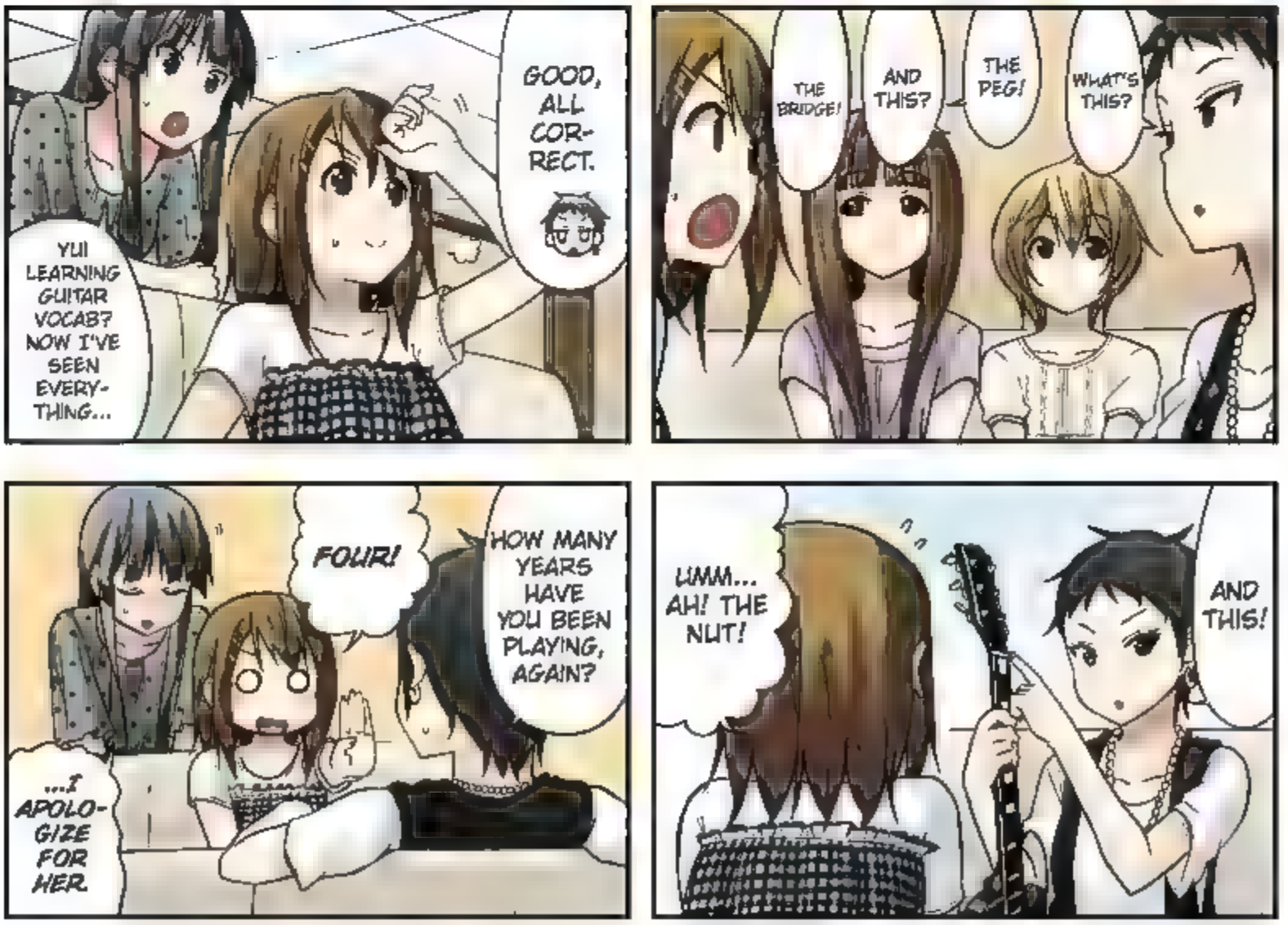
I MEAN, IF YOU WERE TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW TONIGHT, I'D HATE TO HAVE TO RECITE YOUR LYRICS ALOUD TO EVERY-ONE.☆

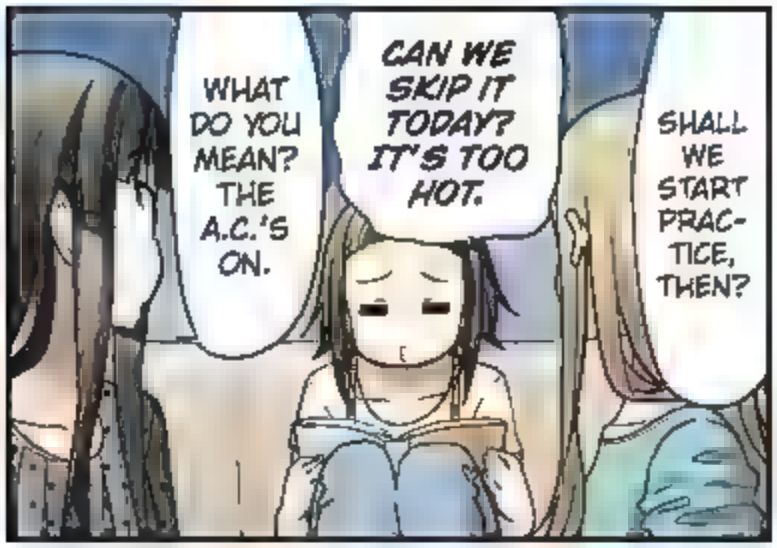
...I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS...

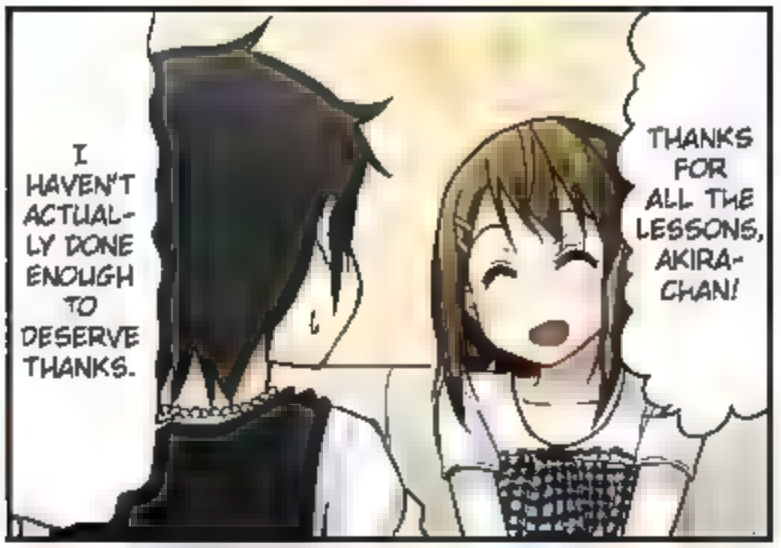
THOUGH...IT SOUNDS LIKE THE DAY SHE GIVES UP THE UNIFORM IS A WAYS OFF.

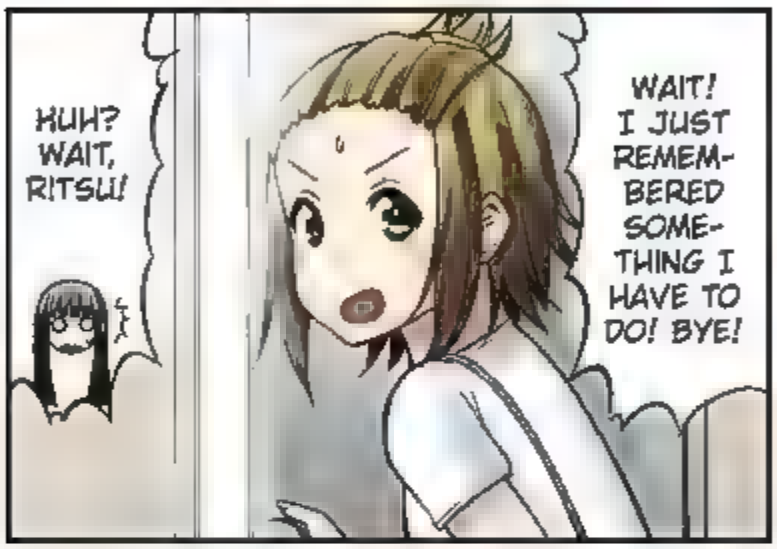
I HAVE MIO-CHAN'S STAMP OF APPROVAL!

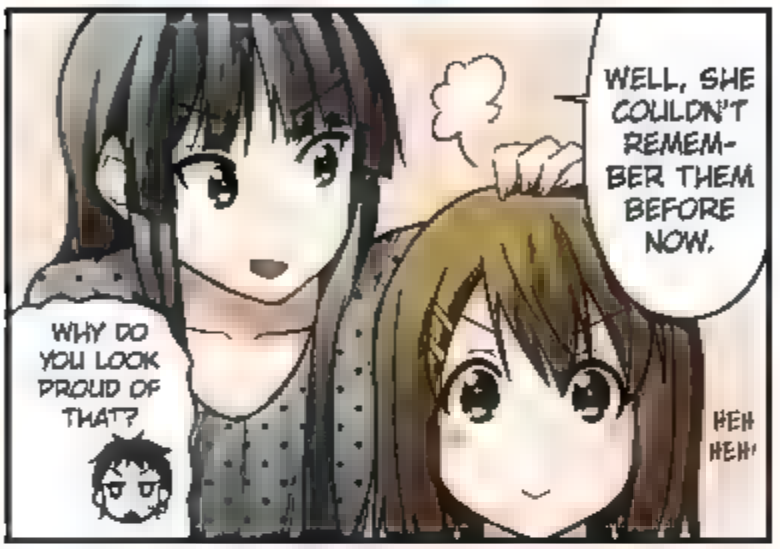
I CAN STILL DO THIS!!

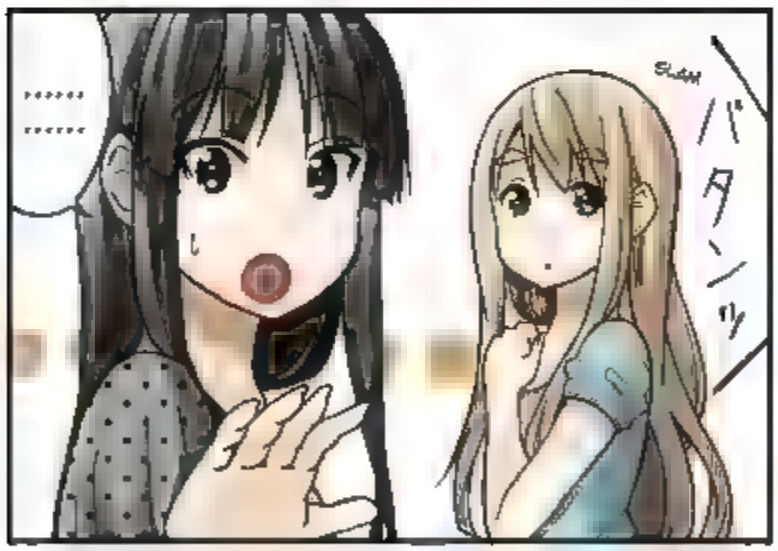

GOOD, ALL COR-RECT.
YUI LEARNING GUITAR VOCAB? NOW I'VE SEEN EVERY-THING...
THE BRIDGE!
AND THIS?
THE PEG!
WHAT'S THIS?
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING, AGAIN?
FOUR!
...I APOLO-GIZE FOR HER.
UMM... AH! THE NUT!
AND THIS!

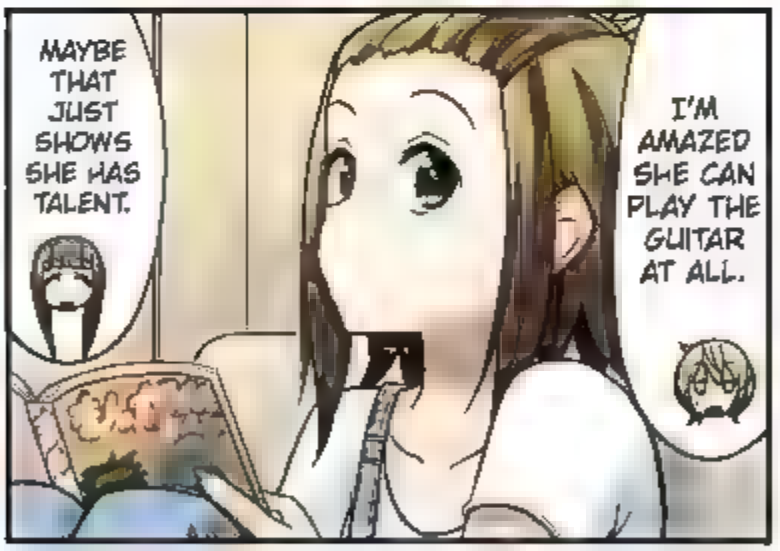
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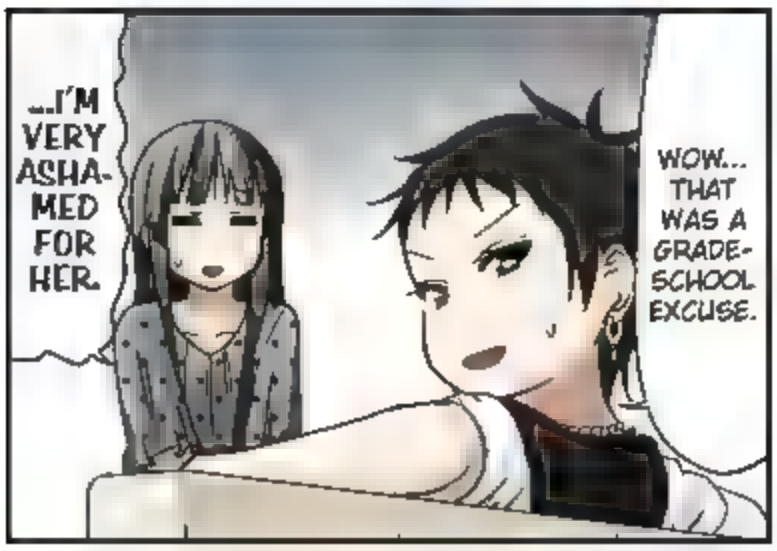


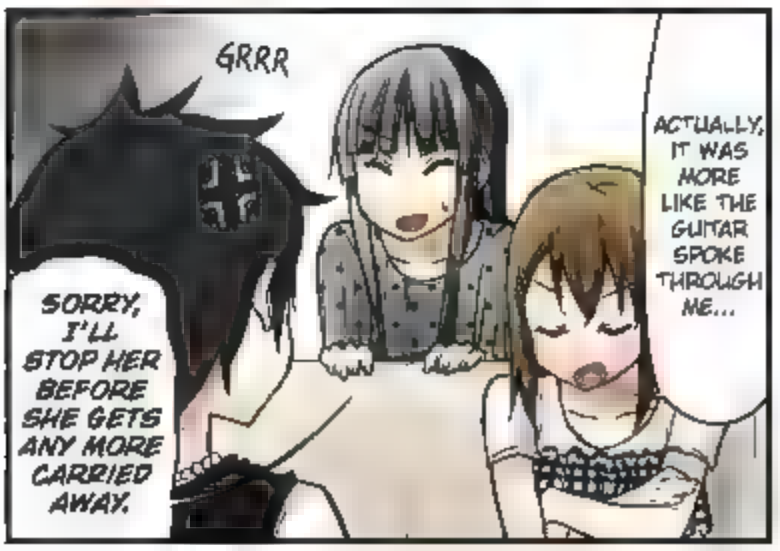

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THAT NIGHT

GOOD-BYE, EVERY-ONE.
LATER!
WELL, SEE YOU NEXT TIME.

HUH? SHE STILL HASN'T SHOWN UP?
SHE'S ALWAYS THE FIRST ONE HERE.

I'LL WRING AN ANSWER OUT OF HER LATER!
GOOD QUES-TION.
WHAT GOT INTO RIT-CHAN?

AH... SOKABE-SENPAI...
RIT-CHAN ALREADY ATE AND WENT BACK TO HER ROOM.

AHA! I SENSE A BOY-FRIEND!
OH! WHAT IF SHE'S PLOTTING SOMETHING AGAIN?

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EVEN THE SUMMER HEAT CAN'T GET RIT-CHAN DOWN.
I GUESS THE THING SHE "REMEMBERED" WAS THAT SHE WAS STARVING!

SHE'S RATTLED, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
THE DORM'S BACK THIS WAY, MIO-CHAN.
HA HA... W-WELL, I WON'T BE FOOLED THIS TIME!

F-FOOD! I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET A LITTLE SNACK...

IS THAT SO? FUNNY, SOKABE-SAN TOLD US YOU ALREADY ATE DINNER.

KNOCK KNOCK コンコン

RITSU, ARE YOU THERE?

I'M SORRY ABOUT TODAY... I'LL BE AT PRACTICE TOMORROW, I PROMISE!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M HERE ABOUT.

M-MIO!? S-SORRY, I'M ABOUT TO GO TO SLEEP! CAN IT WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW?

UM, OKAY.. SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, THEN.

TEK TEK TEK

RITSU.

IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?

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CLICK ガチャ…

SNEAK そーー…

YOU COULD TELL!? DANG! WELL, YOU SEE, ABOUT FIVE GUYS ASKED ME OUT ALL AT ONCE...

I CAN'T KEEP THEM AWAY!

STOP JOKING AROUND! I'M BEING SERIOUS!

WHAT'S THIS? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BED?

EEEK!!

DO YOU THINK YUI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MUSIC HAS CHANGED RECENTLY?

I'M JUST KIDDING! SO WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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PWOMP

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING...?

.. BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'VE IMPROVED AT ALL.

YOU AND MUGI JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER AT YOUR INSTRUMENTS TOO.

BUT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A REASON FOR YOU TO LEAVE.

YOU SKIPPED PRACTICE, THEN YOU WERE AVOIDING US BECAUSE YOU FELT AWKWARD.

RITSU...

I JUST WORRY THAT I'M GOING TO WIND UP BEING LEFT BEHIND...

MIO...

I CAN TELL THESE THINGS. I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR YEARS.

IT'S NOT A JOKE THIS TIME!!

ENOUGH WITH THE JOKES! TELL ME THE TRUTH!!

WHAT!? ARE YOU UNHAPPY THAT WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER THAT LONG!?

YOU'VE BEEN MANIPULATING ME EVER SINCE WE WERE IN GRADE SCHOOL TOGETHER...

WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU GONNA PERFORM A NEW SONG?

SHEESH...WHY ARE YOU CALLING US HERE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?

SORRY! I JUST WANT YOUR OPINION ON ONE SONG.

WELL, AT LEAST NOW I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT ME...

IS THAT YOU, RITSU?

EH...? YOU'RE... ACTUALLY WORRIED ABOUT MUSIC!?

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

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FORGET IT! I SUCK AT DRUMS ANYWAY! I'LL JUST BE EMBARRASSED INTO SILENCE WHEN I'M PLAYING WITH YOU GUYS!

H-HOW WAS THAT?

JA-JANG!

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HUH?

I'LL CALL THE WHOLE GANG

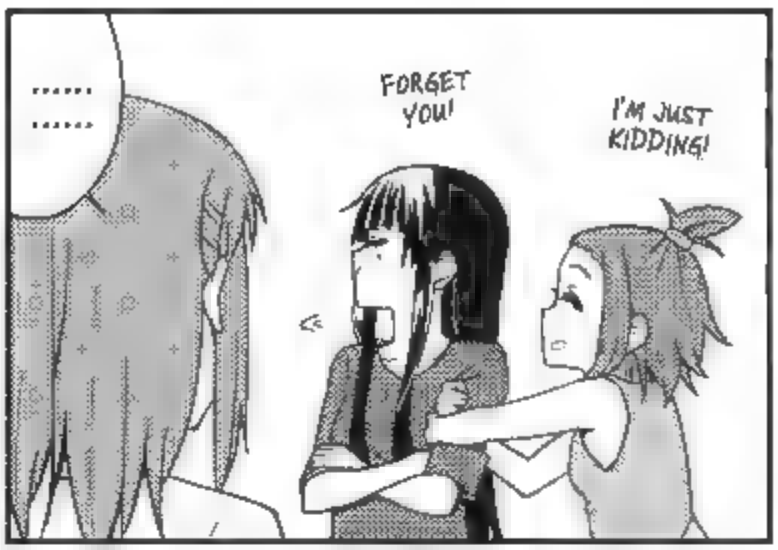
RITSU, LET'S GO TO THE CLUBROOM.

THEY ALL PUT ME DOWN IN HARMONY!!

THE DRUMS WERE SPEEDING AHEAD.

WAIT... MIO!?

YOU'LL SEE THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT!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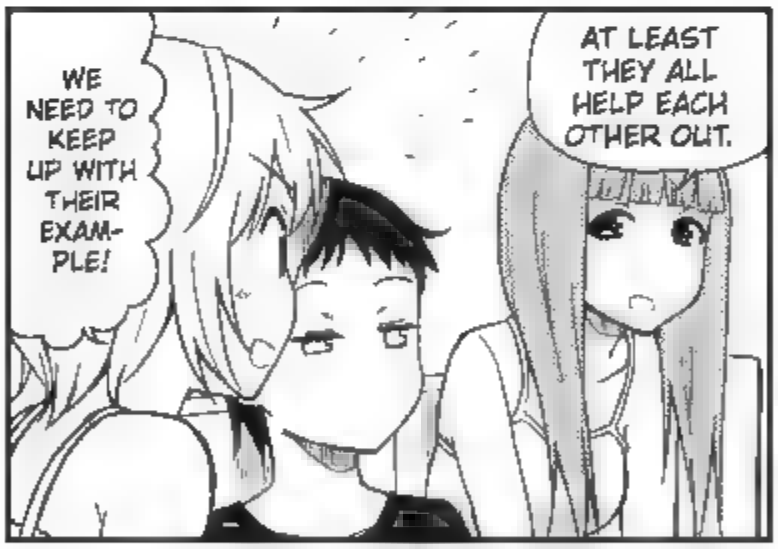
FORGET YOU!
I'M JUST KIDDING!

S-SETTLE DOWN, RITSU.
DID YOU CALL ME HERE JUST TO PUBLICLY EMBARRASS ME!?

IT MUST BE NICE TO KNOW SOMEONE THAT LONG. ♪
SO... WHAT WAS THE BIG DEAL?

EH?
YEAH, IT DOESN'T REALLY RUIN THE SONG.
BUT WHETHER RIT-CHAN GOES FASTER OR SLOWER, THE REST KEEP UP WITH HER.


WE NEED TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR EXAMPLE!
AT LEAST THEY ALL HELP EACH OTHER OUT.

IF YOU START FRETTING ABOUT THAT, YOU'LL LOSE THAT POWERFUL SOUND, WHICH IS YOUR BEST ATTRIBUTE!
MIO...
YUI AND MUGI AND I ALL KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU START TO SPEED UP, RITSU.

THEY HARMONIZED AGAIN!!
THAT'S TRUE.
STILL, IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR YOU TO KEEP A STEADY PACE.

I'M DOING THIS FOR YOUR SAKE!!
AREN'T YOU EMBARRASSED, COMING UP WITH CATCHY QUIPS LIKE THAT?

YOU GUYS...

YOU KNOW YOU CAN TELL US ANYTHING, RIGHT?

MIO-CHAN TOLD ME THE NEWS, RIT-CHAN! YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?

WELL, SORRY FOR TRYING TO CHEER YOU UP.

GREAT, NOW I NEED TO TAKE A SHOWER.

WHAT IS IT!?

TO BE HONEST, THERE'S STILL SOMETHING ON MY MIND...

THANKS, MIO!

KIDDING! YOU HELPED BLOW THE STORM CLOUDS AWAY!

I SUPPOSE IT'S WHAT I GET FOR SCHEDULING MY CLASSES FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY...

I'D APPRECIATE SOME HELP

I'VE GOT A BACKLOG OF FIRST SEMESTER REPORTS DUE...

IS IT GOING TO SNOW TOMORROW?

FROM HELL FREEZING OVER

WHAT'S THIS? HONEST THANKS FROM RITSU?

GOOD, WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL.

WOW, YOU SURE IGNORED THAT ONE!!

I KNOW!

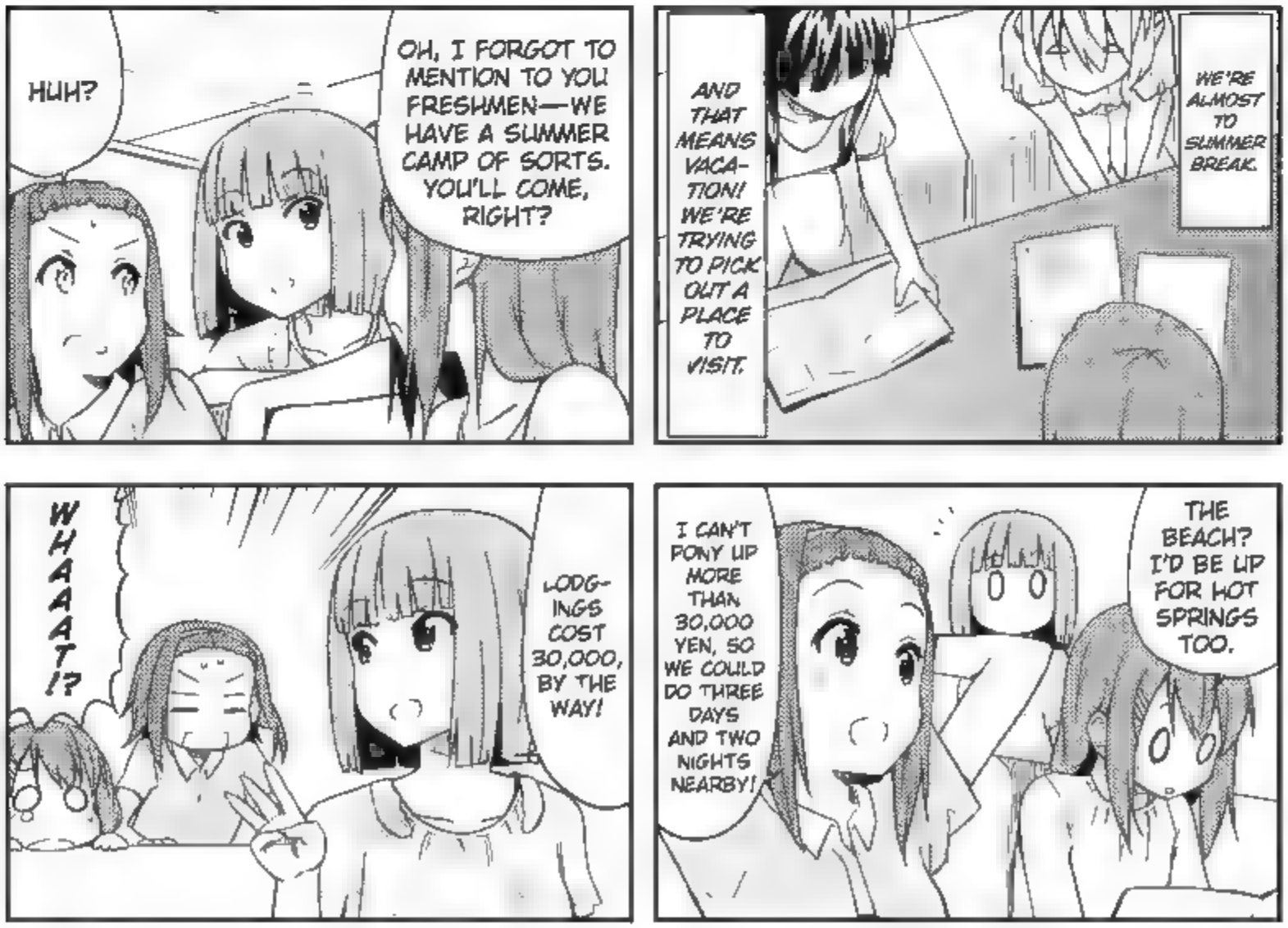
TODAY'S BREAKFAST SURE IS YUMMY! ♪

JUST THE BEAUTY OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. ♪

A LITTLE PAYBACK

WHAT WAS THAT!?

UM, MUGI-CHAN, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?


HUH?
OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION TO YOU FRESHMEN—WE HAVE A SUMMER CAMP OF SORTS. YOU'LL COME, RIGHT?
AND THAT MEANS VACA-TION! WE'RE TRYING TO PICK OUT A PLACE TO VISIT.
WE'RE ALMOST TO SUMMER BREAK.
WHAAAT!?
LODG-INGS COST 30,000, BY THE WAY!
I CAN'T PONY UP MORE THAN 30,000 YEN, SO WE COULD DO THREE DAYS AND TWO NIGHTS NEARBY!
THE BEACH? I'D BE UP FOR HOT SPRINGS TOO.

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THE DAY OF THE CAMP
WELL, IF YOU JUST THINK OF THIS EVENT AS YOUR VACATION...
SIGH... THERE GOES MY VACATION FUND...

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HEY! DON'T TRY TO RUIN MY REPUTATION!
IT'S A SCAM—

I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THIS BUS IS HEADING STRAIGHT INTO THE MOUNTAINS.
WANT SOME SNACKS?
I HOPE WE'RE NEAR THE OCEAN.

I... I'M SHORRY.
YOU'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER PLACE THAT CAN HOLD MORE PEOPLE AND HAS A PRACTICE STUDIO TO BOOT!

I'LL HAVE SOME
GO AHEAD ♡
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN PRACTICE.
ALL YOU THINK ABOUT IS GOOFING OFF...

...COULD THAT BE THE REAL REASON WE'RE HERE ...?
I JUST HAVE TO TRY IT OUT! ♡
PLUS, I HEAR THE OPEN-AIR BATH IS GREAT FOR YOUR SKIN.♡

SHE'S GOT A POINT!
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON!?
WHEN I WANT TO HAVE FUN, I WANT TO HAVE FUN!!

DON'T GET DOWN, AKIRA! YOU DON'T OFTEN GET A CHANCE TO START A BAND WITH NEW PEOPLE!

SIGH... SO MUCH FOR OUR CHANCE TO CRAM IN MORE PRAC-TICE...

SURE, THE STUDIO IS OPEN AT ANY TIME.

CAN WE GET STARTED PRACTIC-ING RIGHT AWAY?

THIS SEEMS FUN! ♪

I'VE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE HAT HERE, SO PICK ONE OUT.

RUSTLE RUSTLE

ON THE FINAL DAY, WE'LL HAVE A PERFOR-MANCE FEATUR-ING ALL THE NEW BANDS.

HOW-EVER!!

AYAME, SACHI! TIME TO PRAC—

SO... WHO'S #5?

OH WELL. AYAME'S RIGHT, THIS'LL PROBABLY HELP ME A LOT...

WHAT!?

AT THIS CAMP, YOU MUST FORM BANDS WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF YOUR NORMAL GROUP!

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OOH, I'M WITH YOU! HOWDY, NEW PART-NER!

NO, I DIDN'T! IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT! IT HELPS TO EXPAND YOUR PERSONAL NET-WORK!!

I BET YOU DID

YOU DIDN'T JUST THINK OF THAT RIGHT THIS INSTANT, DID YOU?

KANA, MIO, AND AYAME'S BAND

FIRST OFF, WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON A COSTUME!

STARE

SHALL WE DECIDE ON A SONG TO PLAY? IT MIGHT BE EASIER IF WE DO A COVER. .

YUI AND AKIRA'S BAND

UH, COSTUME? NOT A SONG ...?

HEY, I LIKED THAT COSPLAY YOUR BAND DID IN HIGH SCHOOL, MIO-CHAN! THE UNIFORMS!

DON'T CHANGE THE TOPIC...

AKIRA-CHAN, YOUR GUITAR SURE HAS A LOT OF CHARACTER. IS IT ONE OF THOSE "VINTAGE" THINGS?

GRAB

WELL, AYAME-CHAN, IF YOU INSIST, WE'LL HAVE TO GO WITH THAT!!

YIPE

THAT WASN'T COSPLAY, IT WAS JUST OUR REGULAR UNIFORMS...

SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE WHEN THE NECK AND BODY ARE THREE PIECES, OR THE GUITAR BACK IS IN TWO PIECES, BUT THERE'S A SOUND YOU CAN ONLY GET WITH GUITARS FROM THIS PERIOD, AND I LIKE THAT ABOUT IT.

MY GUITAR'S A LATE-'70s MAKE, WHICH IS THE ONLY PERIOD WHEN THE NECKS WERE MADE OF MAPLE.

NO, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT ..

...DID I JUST WALK INTO A TRAP?

WHAT A MYSTERY!

OH? HOW STRANGE, JUST ENOUGH UNIFORMS FOR ALL OF US, SITTING RIGHT HERE!

ISN'T IT?

YOUR BASS IS REALLY CUTE TOO, SENPAI! ♪

PAY ATTEN-TION!!

PLUS, MY SENPAI IN HIGH SCHOOL REALLY LIKED A GUITARIST WHO USED THIS KIND OF GUITAR, AND...

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HUP!

HUP!

MUGI AND SA-CHI'S BAND

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RIT-SU AND CHI-YO'S BAND

HUH!?

HUH? I'M FINE! IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFER-ENT THAN A GUITAR OR BASS.

SEEMS TOUGH SETTING UP A KEY-BOARD. NEED ANY HELP?

じー STARE

SORRY, I SCREWED UP!

DANGIT, I NEED TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD HERE...

OH, SORRY FOR THE TROU-BLE... THANKS! YOU'RE LIKE A BIG SISTER, SAC-CHAN.

BUT IT'S SO HEAVY AND BULKY... DO YOU JUST PUT IT ON THIS STAND?

YA KNOW WHAT I MEAN !?

I GUESS I JUST COULDN'T HELP BUT SPACE OUT WATCHING YOU PLAY BASS!

OH! NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS REFER-RING TO!!

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...BE-CAUSE I'M SO TALL...?

BUT YOU LOOK CUTE WHEN YOU SHRINK

AM I JUST DIGGING MY-SELF IN DEEPER HERE!?

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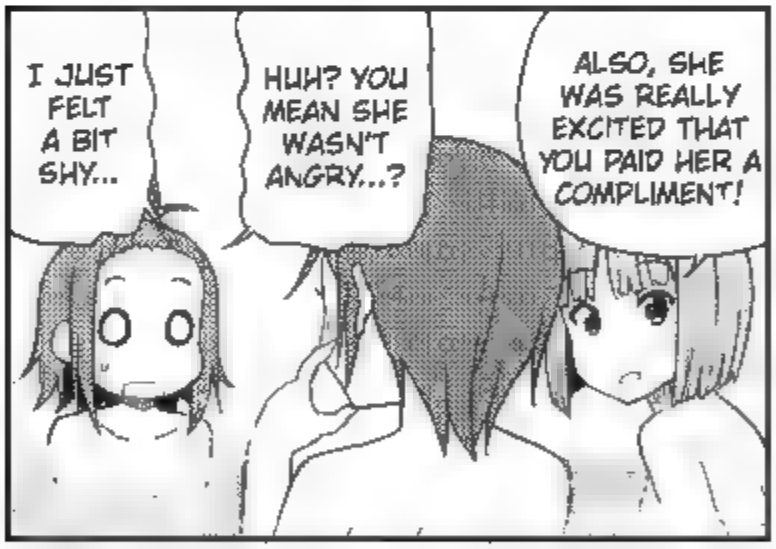
A-AM I IN TROU-BLE?
HUH!?
BY THE WAY, RIT-CHAN, CHIYO WANTED TO TELL YOU SOME-THING.

ME TOO!
I HAD A TON OF FUN!
ME TOO...
MAN, SO MUCH TIME TIP-TOEING ON EGG-SHELLS. I'M WIPED OUT

IF YOU JUST MAKE SURE TO MATCH YOUR COUNTING TO EVERY-ONE ELSE, YOU'LL STAY IN RHYTHM.
...YOUR DRUMS HAVE A LOT OF KICK TO THEM. THEY WERE NICE TO PLAY WITH.

HUH?
TIME TO RE-FRESH MYSELF IN THE BATH!


I JUST FELT A BIT SHY...
HUH? YOU MEAN SHE WASN'T ANGRY...?
ALSO, SHE WAS REALLY EXCITED THAT YOU PAID HER A COMPLIMENT!

WELL, WELL, THE ENTIRE LINEUP OF AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME!
YOU WERE ALREADY IN HERE?

...I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFER-ENCE...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER THIS HAPPY IN YEARS!

EVERY-THING SHE DOES IS WHAT AN OLD MAN WOULD DO...
IT'LL TURN ME BEAUTIFUL!
YOU GOTTA TAKE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO REJUVENATE YOUR YOUTH DURING THESE CAMPS!

YUI AND I DIDN'T EVEN DECIDE HOW TO DIVIDE THE PARTS BE-TWEEN US...

YUI AND AKI-RA'S BAND

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RE-CITAL DAY

WHOA, AKIRA-CHAN'S PLAYING SOME-THING REALLY COOL!!

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WHAT-EVER, I'LL TAKE THE LEAD PART!

THEY'RE SO CUTE!

OOOH!

WHAT? WHY IS YUI PLAYING LEAD!? IS THIS A DECLARA-TION OF WAR!?

MEEDLY MEEDLY MEEDLY

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I CAN DO THAT TOO!!

AND WE DIDN'T PRAC-TICE MUCH.

CRAP... EVERY-ONE'S SO POL-ISHED.

HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO!!

WHOA, IT'S A LIVE GUITAR BATTLE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE ON!

YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND.

STAYING UP LATE

SLEEPING IN

ONLY BE-CAUSE YOU KEPT GOOF-ING OFF!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN PLAY WITH YU...

THAT NIGHT

I'M NEVER PLAYING WITH YOU AGAIN...

AHH, THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN.♡

SQUISH

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YEP. ♡

AND WE LIKE OUR TRIO THE BEST!

I FEEL LIKE I USED MY BRAIN WAY MORE THAN USUAL.

TRUE, EVERYONE HAS A DIFFERENT STYLE!

BUT IT WAS REALLY NOVEL TO PLAY WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, WASN'T IT?

I...I AGREE ...

YES!

TO-TALLY!

BUT STILL, I LIKE MY NORMAL LINEUP THE BEST!

I DON'T WANT TO BE ONE!

SERIOUSLY, HOW [redacted] YOU EXPECT TO BE A COMEDIAN LIKE RIT-CHAN?

WHA —!?

THAT WAS WHERE YOU MAKE A JOKE, AKIRA.

AND WHEN YOU MAKE A DUMB JOKE, THE RIGHT PERSON CAN SMACK YOU.

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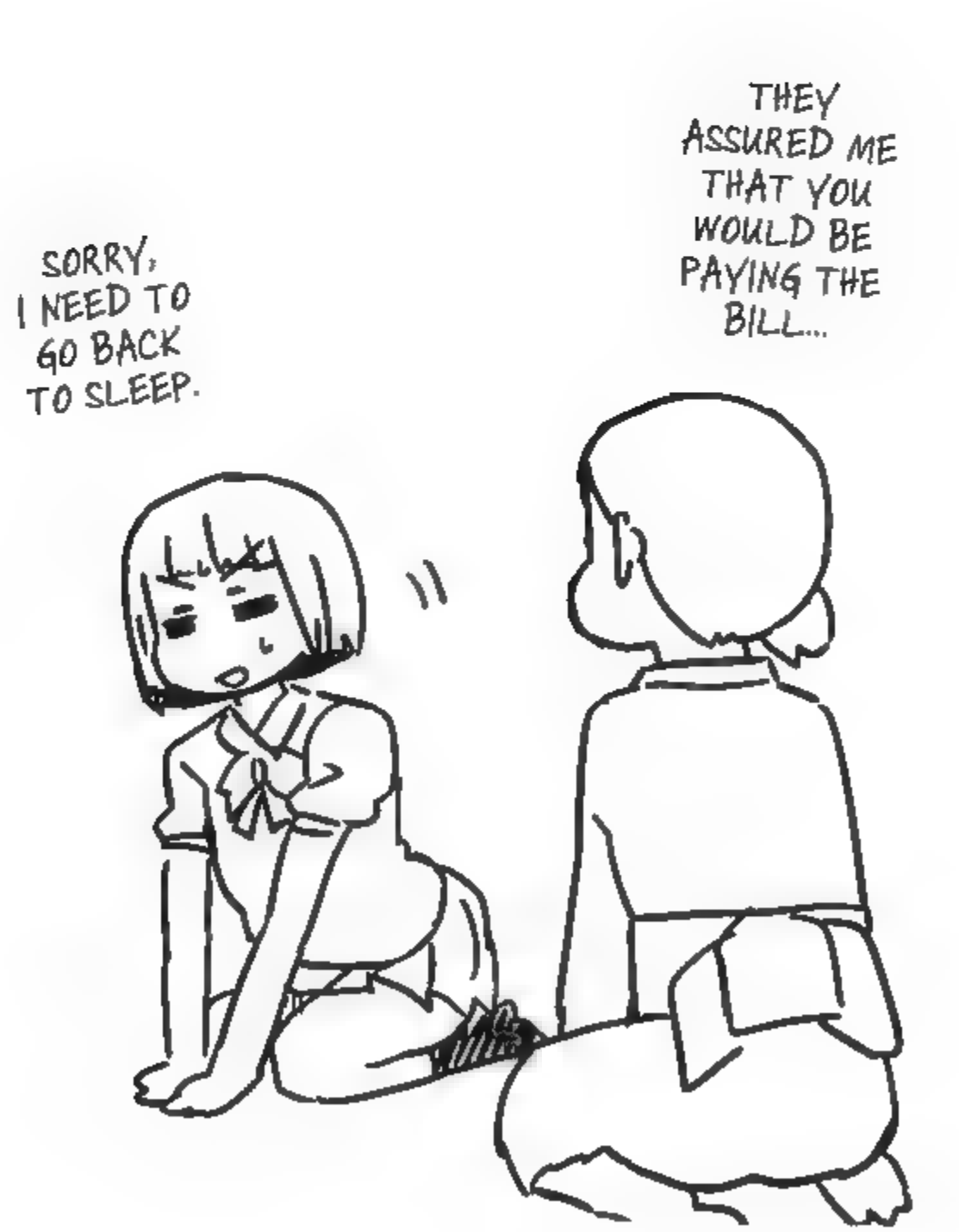
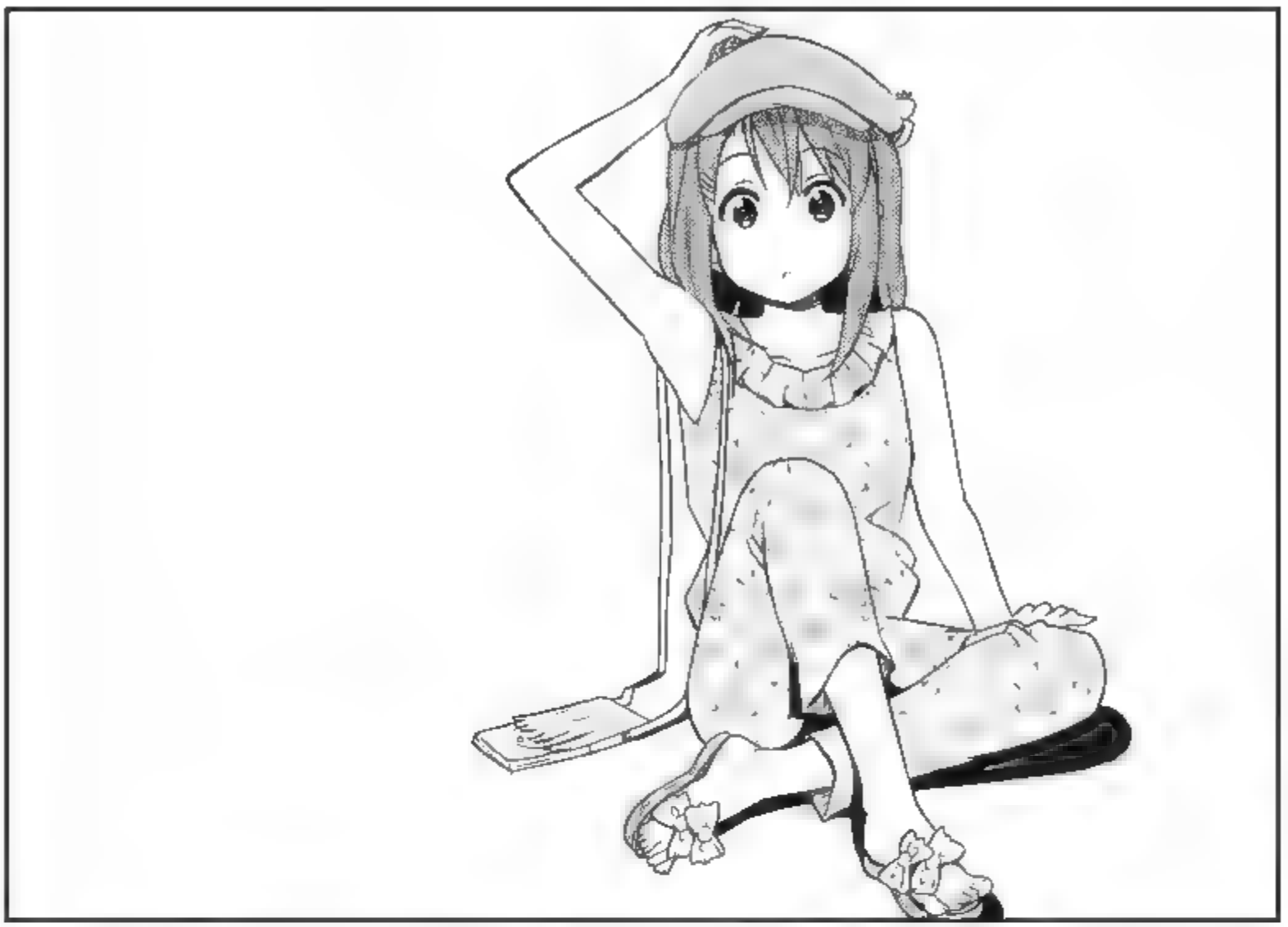
THAT WAY I CAN GET AWAY WITH WHAT-EVER I WAN—

YOU HAD A VERY NICE NAP. THE REST OF YOUR GROUP IS ALREADY GONE.
AH! WHAT TIME IS IT!? WHERE IS EVERYONE!?
EH!?


SORRY, I NEED TO GO BACK TO SLEEP.
THEY ASSURED ME THAT YOU WOULD BE PAYING THE BILL...



LOOK WHO'S HOME!
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LOOK AT THE TOWN. IT'S ALL FLOODING BACK! OKAY, SO IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW MONTHS ...
FOR SUMMER BREAK, I WENT BACK HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I LEFT.

SHOCK!!
OH, YUI. WELCOME BACK.

HEH HEH, WILL I SHOCK THEM?
SNEAK
I DIDN'T TELL MY PARENTS I'D BE RETURNING...

IT IS.

HEH HEH! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, NODOKA-CHAN. ♪

WHAT!? WHY IS NODOKA-CHAN IN MY HOUSE!?

OH, THIS? I JUST DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY FOR A HAIRCUT. I'LL GET MY MOM TO DO IT.

YOUR HAIR'S REALLY GROWN OUT SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU. IS THAT YOUR NEW LOOK?

N ARE YOU IN GRADE SCHOOL?

SETTLE DOWN, YUI.

HUH!? DID I ACCIDENTALLY COME BACK TO NODOKA-CHAN'S HOUSE INSTEAD!?

UM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAG ME...

SO ANYWAY, COME INTO MY ROOM AND LET'S CATCH UP!

OH, NODOKA-CHAN, IT'S BEEN SO LONG! WANT TO COME OVER FOR SOME TEA? I'VE GOT SOME DELICIOUS CAKE TOO!

I CAME BACK TO TOWN FOR SUMMER BREAK, BUT RAN INTO YOUR MOM ON THE STREET.

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IT TURNED INTO A STORAGE SPACE...

WHAT!? WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ROOM!?

GEEZ, COME ON, MOM ...

SO I'M WATCHING THE HOUSE

...BUT THEN ONCE WE GOT HERE, SHE REMEMBERED THAT SHE'D FINISHED THE CAKE YESTERDAY AND WENT OUT TO BUY SOME MORE.

THEY'RE GREAT! THEY'RE ALL RETURNING ON DIFFERENT DAYS, THOUGH.
HOW'RE MIO AND THE OTHERS? ARE THEY BACK IN TOWN?

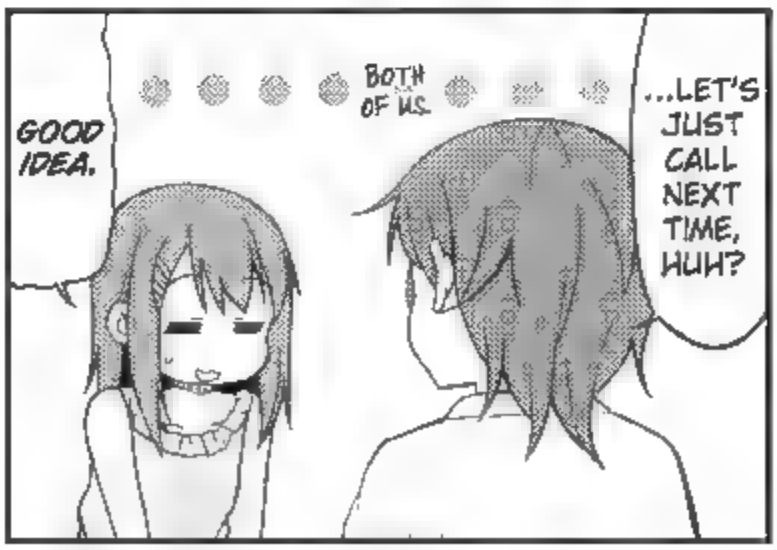
NOTHING STOPS YOU, DOES IT..?
OH! I FOUND MY HIGH SCHOOL ALBUM! LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT!

SORRY, I'LL REMEMBER TO DO THAT NEXT TIME.
LOOM
IF YOU HAD CALLED THE GROUP, WE COULD HAVE PLANNED A FULL REUNION!

WELL, I SEND HER TEXTS AND CALL HER. BUT THE CLUB'S BUSY OVER SUMMER, SO SHE HASN'T HAD FREE TIME.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HAVE YOU SEEN AZUSA-CHAN YET?
WOW, PICS OF THE POP MUSIC CLUB! THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

WELL...I WANTED IT TO BE A SURPRISE...
BUT YOU D.DN'T CALL HOME E.THER, DID YOU? YOUR MOM SAID YOU MADE NO MENTION OF RETURNING.

AREN'T YOU LONELY? YOU WERE SO CLOSE WITH HER...
BUT SHE'S BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD AS CLUB PRESIDENT! SO I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER HER UNTIL THE HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL IS DONE.


GOOD IDEA.
BOTH OF US
...LET'S JUST CALL NEXT TIME, HUH?

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE HANDLING IT RIGHT NOW...
AZU-MEOW, I WANNA SEE YOU~
OH, I'M FINE! I'M IN COLLEGE NOW. I CAN HANDLE BEING ALONE FOR A BIT!

WAIT, YOU AREN'T HOPING TO MAKE A LIVING OFF OF YOUR BAND, ARE YOU?

AND WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO KEEP UP WITH THEM!

UM, IT'S TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT FROM IN HIGH SCHOOL! THERE ARE TONS OF MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM I HAVEN'T EVEN MET YET!

YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU WERE IN THE POP MUSIC CLUB IN COLLEGE. WHAT IS THAT LIKE?

HMM... WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT "BEING A PRO" MEANS, PLUS I DOUBT IT WOULD BE EASY EVEN IF I WAS HOPING FOR IT...

I'VE MADE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS, EVEN SOME WHO WANT TO BE PRO MUSI-CIANS!

WOW... SOUNDS VERY COLLEGE-LIKE TO ME...

YOU NEVER LOOK BACK, DO YOU...?

BUT IT'S FUN TO PLAY MUSIC. I WANNA DO IT FOREVER, AND I WANNA SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DO!

THEY LOOK... UNIQUE.

HERE!

UM... WHAT FOR?

I SHOULD TAKE A PAGE FROM YOUR BOOK. THANKS, YUI.

WOW... SOUNDS VERY COL-LEGE-LIKE...

HEE-HEE-HEE-

HEE! ♡

THERE'S EVEN A SENPAI A LOT LIKE SAWA-CHAN!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN TOO!

UUU!♡

SORRY, SORRY. I JUST NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE NODOKA-CHAN HERE...

HMM? I HEAR VOICES FROM ONEE-CHAN'S ROOM...

YEP! I'M TAKING EXTRA LESSONS! IT COSTS TOO MUCH FOR CRAM SCHOOL.

IS THAT YOUR UNIFORM? ON SUMMER BREAK? WERE YOU AT SCHOOL?

OH!

HUH!? YOU'RE BACK!?

CLICK

CLASSES ARE LONG, THERE ARE TONS OF REPORTS, AND THE CAMPUS IS HUGE!

UU... COLLEGE LIFE IS HORREN-DOUS.

HOW ABOUT YOU, ONEE-CHAN? HOW'S COL-LEGE?

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU, UU.

NODOKA-CHAN! YOU'RE BACK!!

UU...

THAT'S NOT WHAT A HIGH SCHOOLER SHOULD BE SAYING TO A COLLEGE STUDENT.

HOW AWFUL... LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, OKAY?

OH... YOU'RE HERE TOO...

STUPID NODOKA-CHAN.

MY SURPRISE PLAN WAS ALL FOR NOTHING!!

SURE. THANKS FOR THE CAKE.

WELL, SEE YOU LATER, NODOKA-CHAN! CALL ME NEXT TIME!

GOOD IDEA..

WHY ARE YOU TALKING AMONG ALL THE PACKING BOXES? WHY NOT GO TO THE LIVING ROOM?

WHAAAT!?

YOU KNOW SHE WAS THE ONE WHO VISITED US? SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU WERE COMING HOME.

EH!? SHE DIDN'T SAY A WORD OF THAT TO ME!!

YUI? NODOKA-CHAN SAYS SHE'S THINK-ING OF STUDYING ABROAD.

MOM! IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME AGAIN!

I'M HOME... OH, YUI! YOU'RE BACK.

NO-DOKA-CHAN ...

SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE WITHDRAWN TYPE...BUT SHE LOOKED VERY PLEASED WHEN SHE LEFT, SO I'M GUESSING SHE MADE UP HER MIND.

YAY! CAKE, CAKE, CAKE!

LET'S HAVE SOME CAKE, THEN! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE THE FOUR OF US SAT DOWN FOR SOME TEA.♡

I-I WOULD HAVE CLEANED IT UP IF YOU'D CALLED!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT TO YOUR OWN DAUGHTER, MOM!? AND WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY ROOM!?

I BET ALL HER ANXIETIES MELTED AWAY WHEN SHE SAW YOUR CARE-FREE FACE.

I'LL SPLIT MY SHARE WITH YOU.

NOW I REALLY SHOULD HAVE CALLED HOME FIRST!!

OH WAIT, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE COMING HOME, SO THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU.

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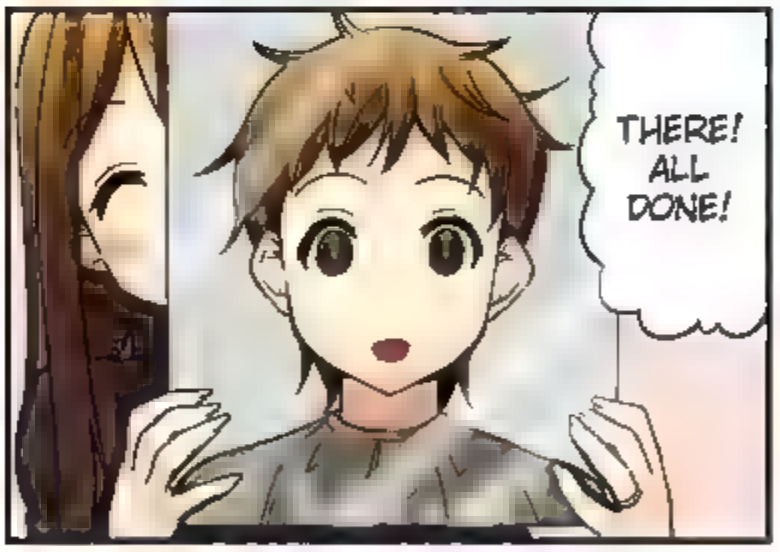
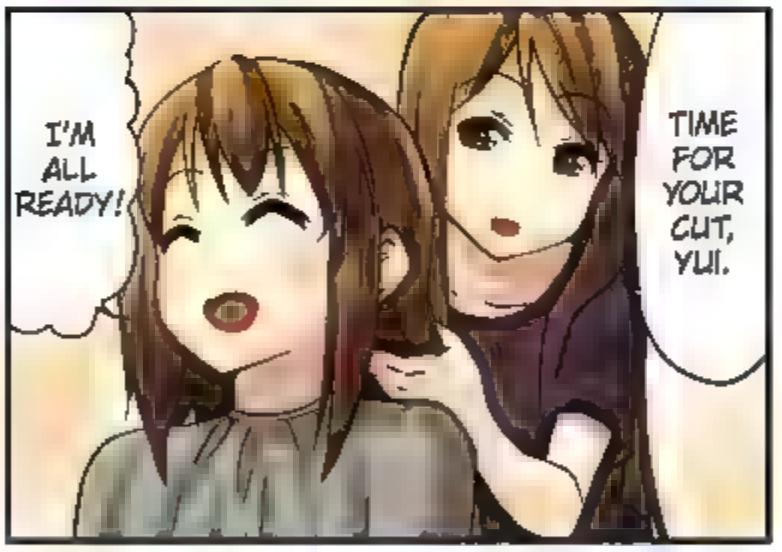
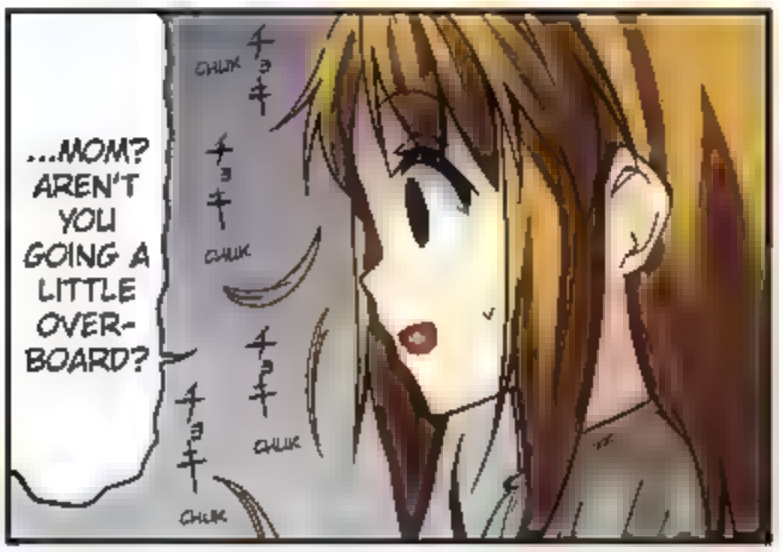

THERE! ALL DONE!


I'M ALL READY!
TIME FOR YOUR CUT, YUI.

DWAAH!?
AAAGH!!


...MOM? AREN'T YOU GOING A LITTLE OVER-BOARD?
CHUK
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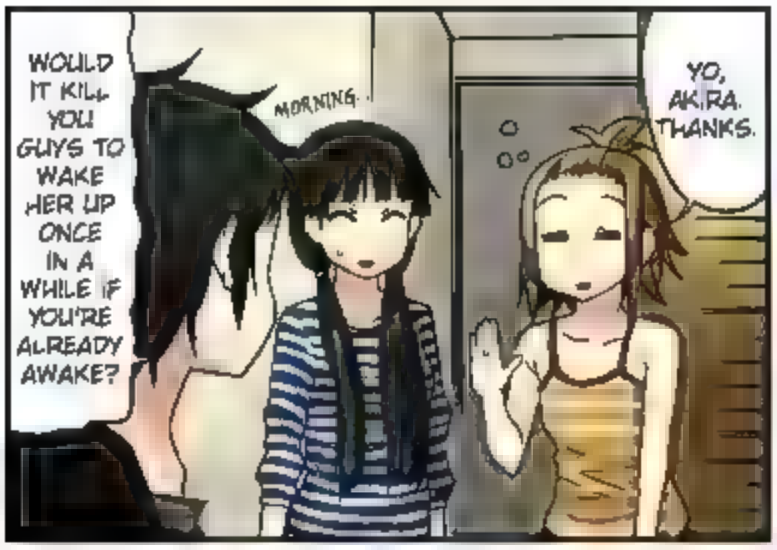
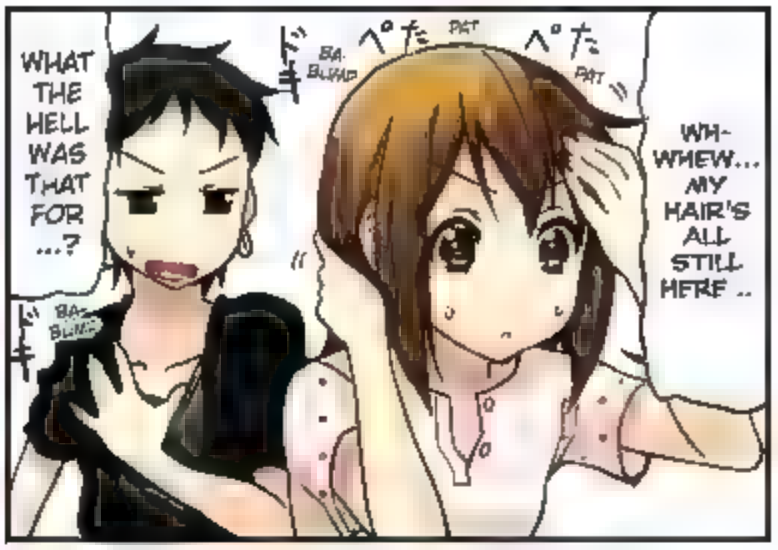

WOULD IT KILL YOU GUYS TO WAKE HER UP ONCE IN A WHILE IF YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE?
MORNING.
YO, AKIRA. THANKS.


WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR ...?
BA-BUMP
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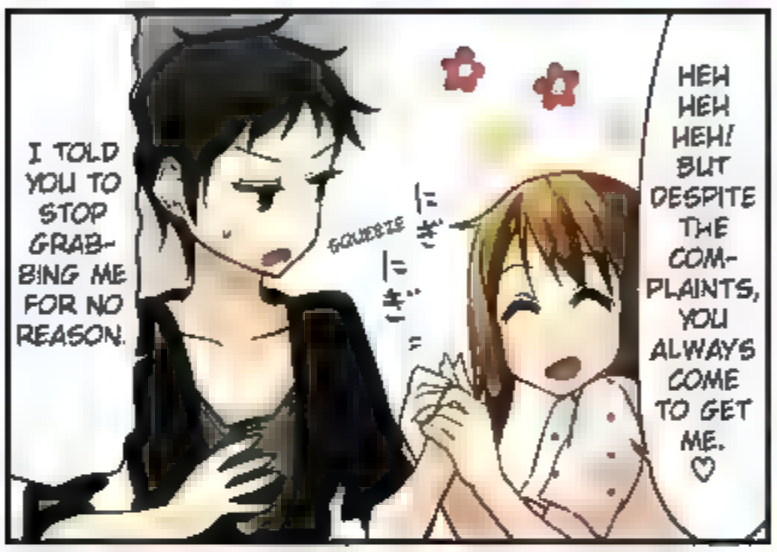
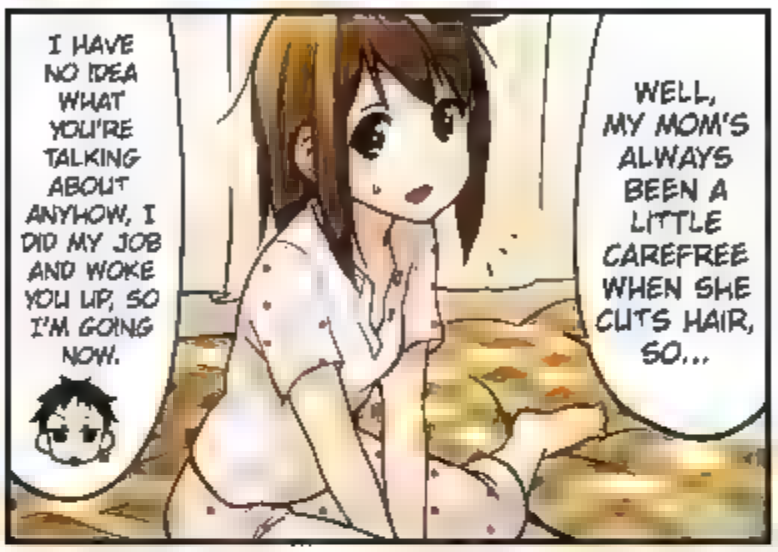
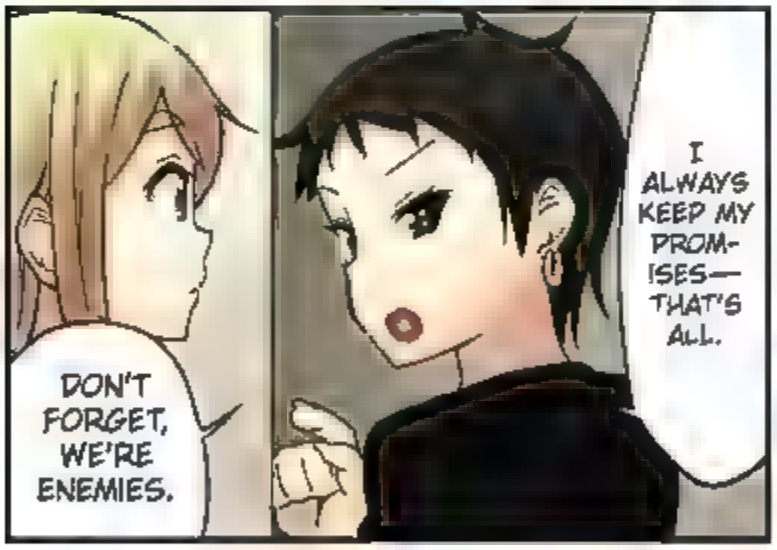
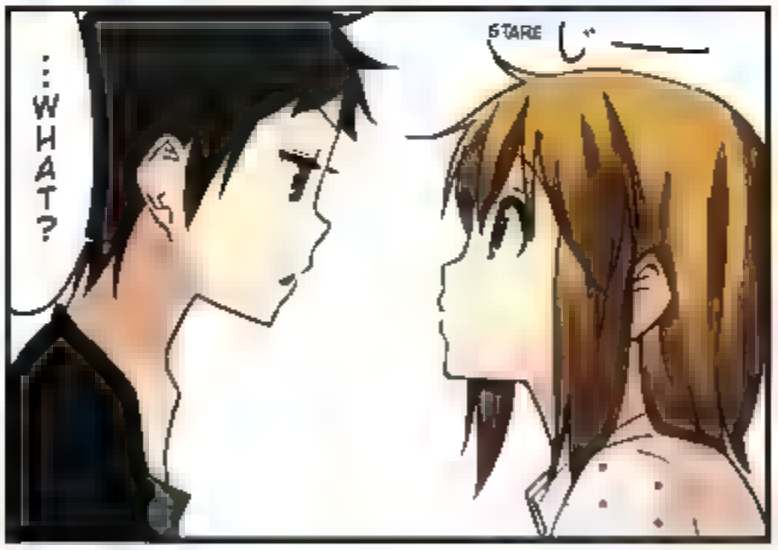
WH-WHEW... MY HAIR'S ALL STILL HERE ..


I TOLD YOU TO STOP GRAB-BING ME FOR NO REASON.
SQUEEZE
HEH HEH HEH! BUT DESPITE THE COM-PLAINTS, YOU ALWAYS COME TO GET ME. ♡


I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ANYHOW, I DID MY JOB AND WOKE YOU UP, SO I'M GOING NOW.
WELL, MY MOM'S ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE CAREFREE WHEN SHE CUTS HAIR, SO...


DON'T FORGET, WE'RE ENEMIES.
I ALWAYS KEEP MY PROM-ISES— THAT'S ALL.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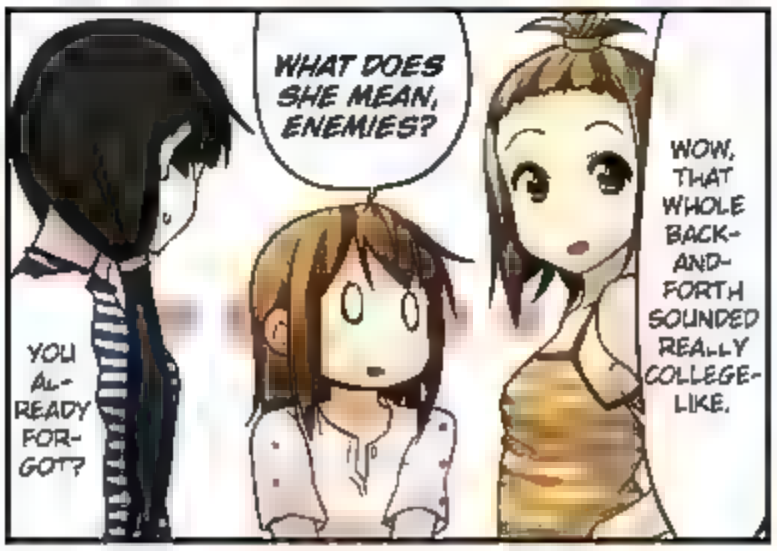
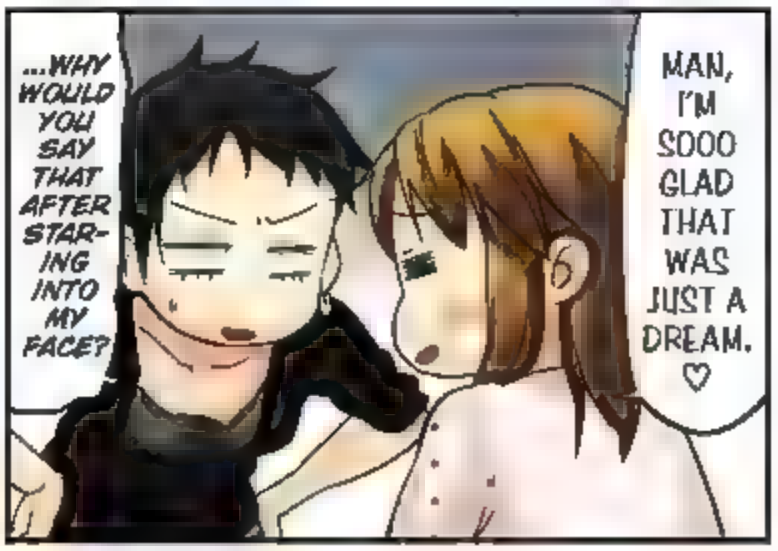

YOU AL-READY FOR-GOT?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN, ENEMIES?
WOW, THAT WHOLE BACK-AND-FORTH SOUNDED REALLY COLLEGE-LIKE.


...WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT AFTER STAR-ING INTO MY FACE?
MAN, I'M SOOO GLAD THAT WAS JUST A DREAM. ♡

AKIRA ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT GOING PRO, BUT HOW DO YOU TWO FEEL ABOUT THAT?

BY THE WAY...

I'M SURPRISED THAT YUI-CHAN NEVER GETS DOWN AFTER BEING SCORNED LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME.

OH...I SEE...

DON'T CARE.

GOOD MORN-ING.

YAWN

OH, AYAME.

BECAUSE IT'S FUN WATCHING HER... THANKS FOR THE MEA...

C'MON!

THEN WHY ARE YOU IN A BAND TO-GETHER?

N-NO, I THINK SHE'S JUST KIND OF OBLIVI-OUS...

WHAT'S UP WITH YUI-CHAN? IS SHE ONE OF THOSE MAS-OCHIST TYPES?

WE... JUST ATE BREAK-FAST.

I HAVE SOME GREAT SNACKS TO SHOW YOU!

UM—I IF YOU HAVE TIME, WE SHOULD KEEP TALKING IN MY ROOM!

YOU DON'T SEEM SO REFINED WITH A BOWL OF MISO SOUP IN YOUR HAND

COME, GIRLS. LET US DINE ON A FINE BREAK-FAST AND CON-VERSE AT LEISURE.

WHAT? NO WAY. IT'S SO ENTERTAINING THIS WAY!

ENTERTAINING?

DID YOU EVER TELL HER IT WAS WEIRD?

UNTIL THAT POINT, SHE WAS JUST A NORMAL STUDENT, SO OF COURSE SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THE HECK SHE COULD BE A PRO MUSICIAN.

MARSHMALLOW GUM

EARLIER YOU MENTIONED THAT AKIRA WANTED TO GO PRO TO STICK IT TO THE GUY SHE HAD A CRUSH ON, RIGHT?

NO WAY, I LIKE THE WAY SHE SINGS.

DOES THAT MEAN THAT IF AKIRA-CHAN STOPS BEING ENTERTAINING, YOU'LL QUIT THE BAND?

IT'S ALL KIND OF PIECE-MEAL, YOU KNOW?

UNRULY HAIR

THINKS A BAD ATTITUDE AND LANGUAGE ARE PART OF THE JOB

NORMAL EARRINGS, SINCE SHE WAS AFRAID OF BODY PIERCINGS

BLACK, THE NEW BLACK

SO WHAT YOU SEE NOW WAS HER ATTEMPT TO START BY LOOKING THE PART.

MARSHMALLOW GUM.

SHE'S WEIRD, BUT TALENTED. IT'S FUN BEING IN THE SAME BAND!

SO THAT'S WHY YOUR BAND HAS SUCH A WEIRD NAME!

AHH, I SEE...

OHHH, NOW I GET IT.

ISN'T THAT KIND OF THE SAME THING AS WITH YOU AND YUI-CHAN?

WAIT, WASN'T THAT WHERE THIS CONVERSATION WAS HEADING!?

ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY

SOB SOB SOB

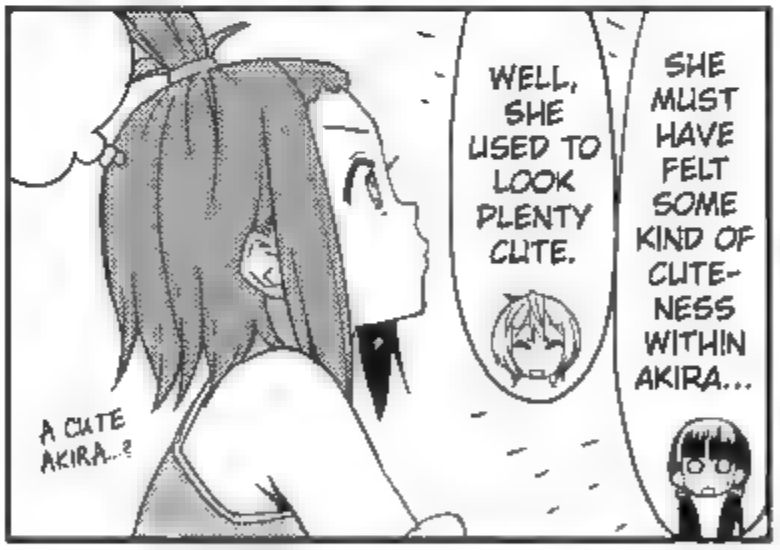
THAT'S SO MEAN, RIT-CHAN!! IT WAS SACHI'S IDEA!!

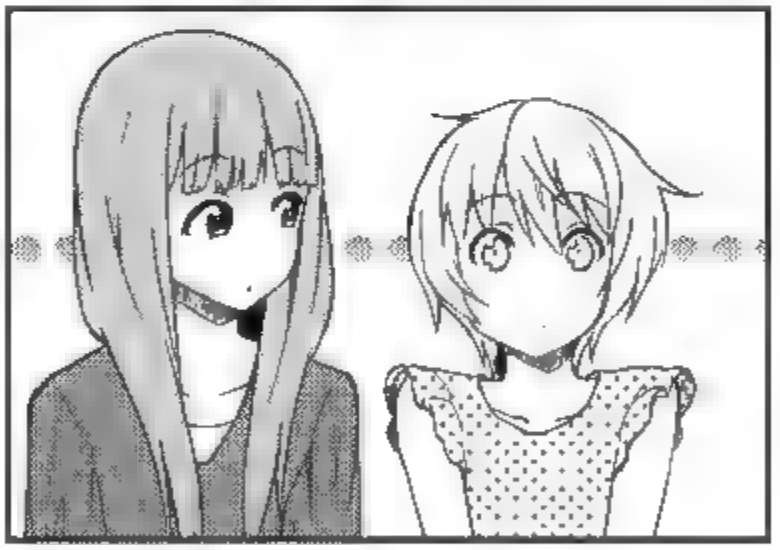
LEAN
HMM, GOOD QUES-TION...
I THINK YUI-CHAN'S A MUCH BIGGER MYSTERY! HOW COME SHE LIKES AKIRA SO MUCH?

HIYAAA!
GWAHH.
OH, WITH THAT KICK OF YOURS.
OF COURSE, I'D STOP HER IF SHE CROS-SED A LINE.

I'VE LEARNED FROM EXPERI-ENCE THAT SHE'LL HUG ANY-THING SHE THINKS IS CUTE.
SHE WAS AFRAID OF AKIRA-CHAN AT FIRST.

WON'T YOU GET FRUS-TRATED, NOT BEING ABLE TO KICK HER ANY-MORE?
I HOPE SHE SETTLES DOWN IN A GOOD WAY THROUGH THESE EXPERI-ENCES.
BUT SHE DOESN'T DO THAT MUCH ANYMORE. I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF YUI-CHAN.


A CUTE AKIRA...?
WELL, SHE USED TO LOOK PLENTY CUTE.
SHE MUST HAVE FELT SOME KIND OF CUTE-NESS WITHIN AKIRA...



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, BUT NOT LIKE THAT.
KEE HEE HEE.
OH, RIT-CHAN, YOU SILLY GOOSE! ♡

THAT PAUSE IS SCAR-ING ME!!
DON'T TURN THAT WEAPON ON ME.
HEH HEH HEH...
...UM... NO, NOT AT ALL...

I WONDER WHAT THAT'S LIKE AT COLLEGE.

HEY, ISN'T THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL COMING UP SOON?

WE'D BETTER GET GOING, THOUGH, CLASS IS ABOUT TO START.

MAN, THIS IS GREAT! I WISH WE COULD TALK ABOUT THIS FOREVER!

I FEEL LIKE I HEARD THE PRESIDENT MENTION THAT RECENTLY...

WHERE WILL THE POP MUSIC CLUB PLAY? WHAT WILL WE NEED TO DO TO PREPARE?

EH!?

OOH, YOU'RE A WICKED ONE, AYAME-DONO!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST SKIP IT FOR ONCE? THE FIRST DAY IS ALWAYS JUST GUIDANCE AND SYLLABUS STUFF.

AFTER CLASS THAT DAY

DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU THAT IT WAS THE JOB OF THE FRESHMEN TO MAKE A SIGN PROMOTING THE SHOW?

...SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS "DITCHING" I'VE HEARD ABOUT...

OH, I'M NOT THAT BAD, REALLY.

THOSE SKIVING LITTLE SNEAKS.

AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF YOU? SUCH NERVE.

MAN, I COULD TEACH HER SOOO MANY NAUGHTY THINGS...

ANOTHER DREAM OF MINE HAS COME TRUE...!!

I G-GOT US SOME PAINT, AKIRA-CHAN.

SAAG

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ALL THAT'S LEFT IS COLOR-ING...

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TUG

FINE, THEN... WE'LL JUST MAKE IT OUR-SELVES.

AAAGH!

DAAAAH!!

CRAAASH

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THAT'S SO BORING! YOU HAVE TERRIBLE CREATIVITY! WE NEED A CATCHY SLOGAN OR SOME-THING.

HOW ABOUT JUST THE DATE OF THE SHOW AND THEN A GUITAR OR WHATEVER?

WHAT SHOULD WE DRAW?

S-SOR-RYYY...

AT LEAST IT D DN'T GET ON MY CLOTHES.

YOU NEVER FAIL TO LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTA-TION, YUI-SAN...

へ~レ~ SPLAT

HEH! SINCE YOU ASK...

WELL, SINCE YOU'RE APPAR-ENTLY SO BRILLIANT, WHAT'S YOUR INCREDIBLY CREATIVE CATCH-PHRASE?

AND YOU LOOK LIKE YOU SHOULD BE IN THE HOSPI-TAL!!

BUT YOU LOOK REALLY COOL! LIKE A CRAZY ROCKER!

ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN OUR CLUB FOR GOOD?

TEE HEE! ♡

...HOW ABOUT, "LOTS OF GIRLS IN UNIFORMS!"

OOH! IT LOOKS COOL!

Y-YOU REALLY THINK IT'S GOOD ENOUGH?

I'M SORRY!!

OH HON-ESTLY! YOU ARE NOTH-ING BUT TROU-BLE!!

SHE LOAN-ED IT TO ME.

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT OUTFIT?

AH... HOW MANY UNIFORMS DOES SHE HAVE?

WELL, I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU IN THIS STATE..

SIT STILL.

BUT IN THE END, YOU'RE ALWAYS REALLY NICE. ♪

.. JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO WIN AT THE FESTIVAL.

YUI...

HUH!?

FLINCH

OOH, YOU FINISHED THE SIGN!

PAY ATTEN-TION!!

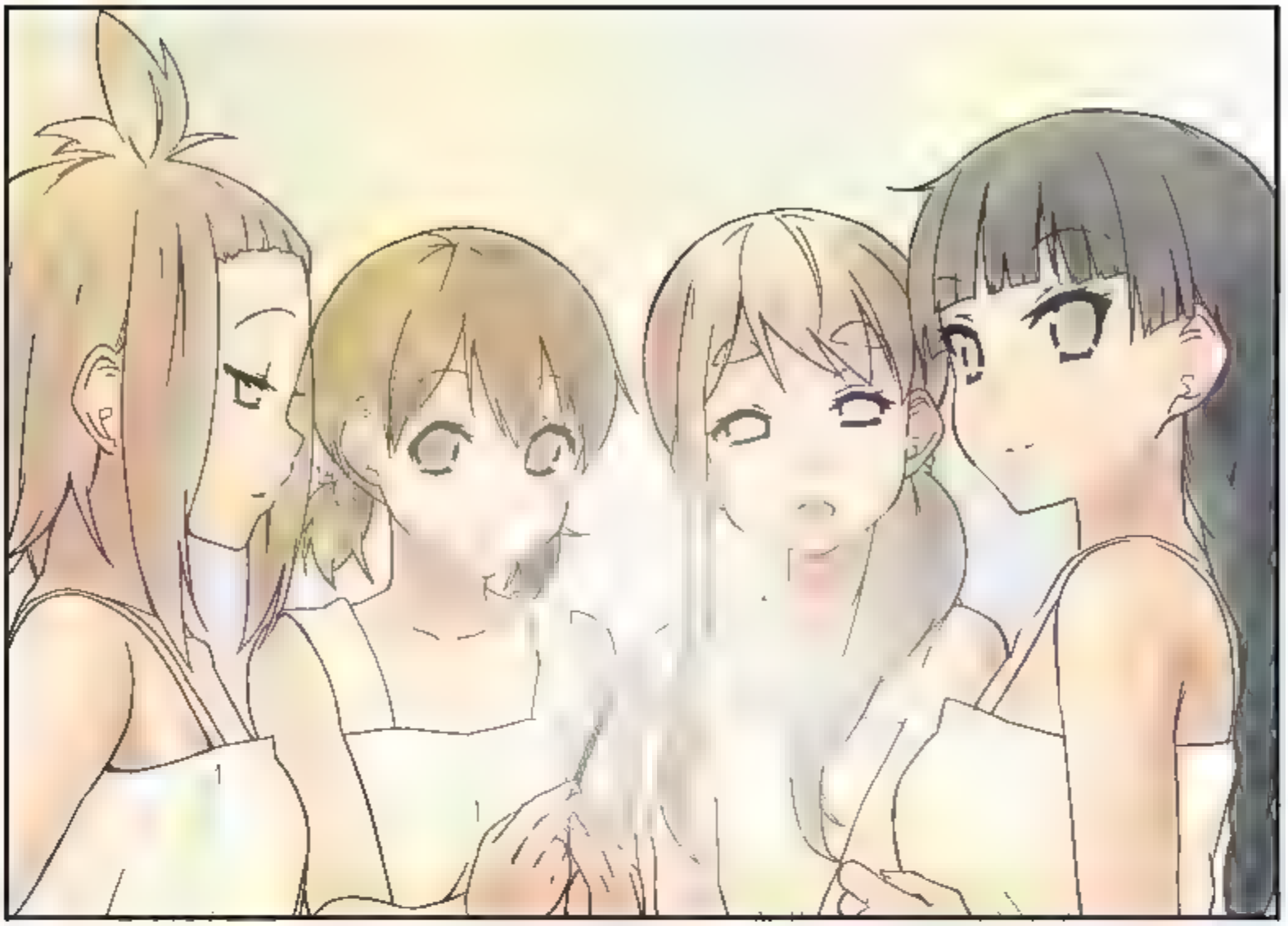
YEESH, I'M SO HUNGRY...

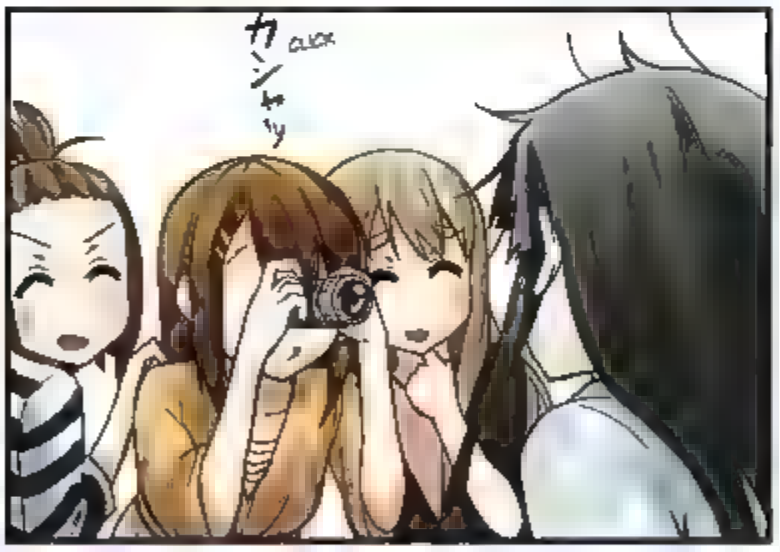
SIGN: MANGA CLUB

WAIT... SHE LIKES IT!?

IT'S REAL BOLD AND FRESH! JUST LIKE THE POP MUSIC CLUB!

SIGN: POP MUSIC CLUB LIVE SHOW

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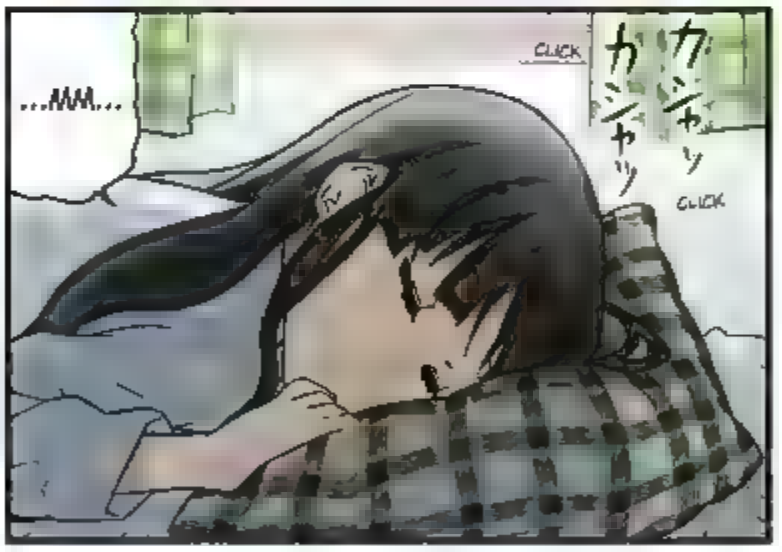
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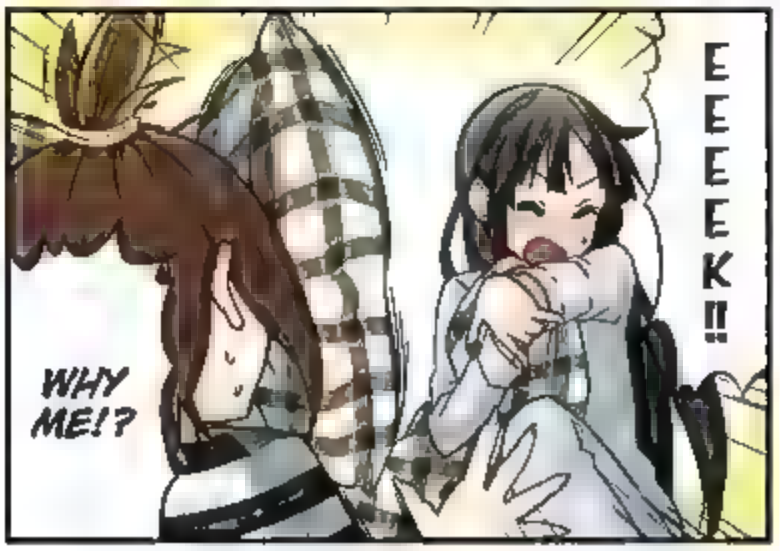
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GLANCE
キョロキョロ
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WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
RISE
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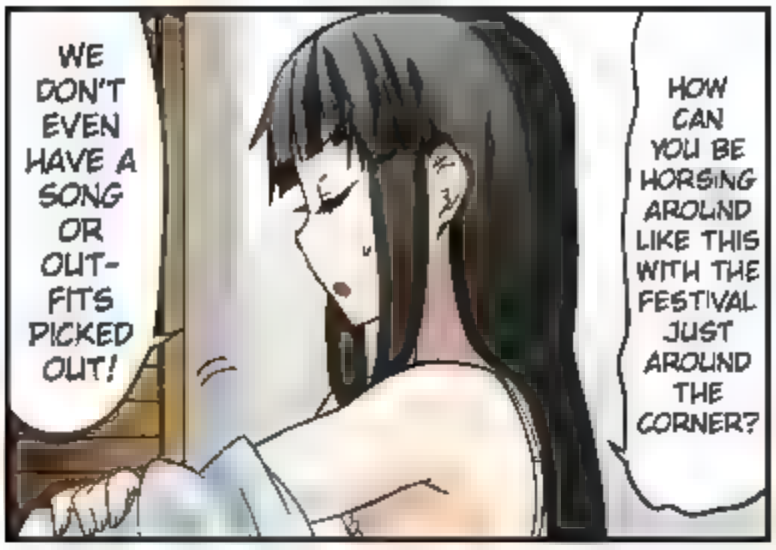
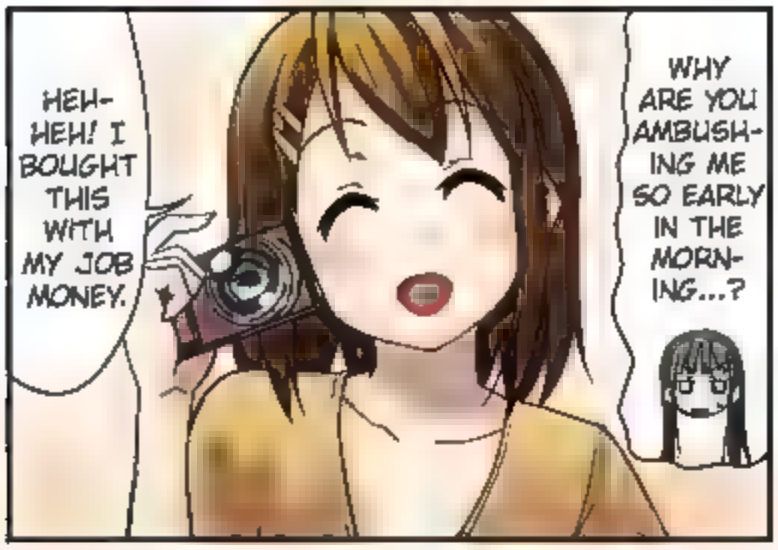
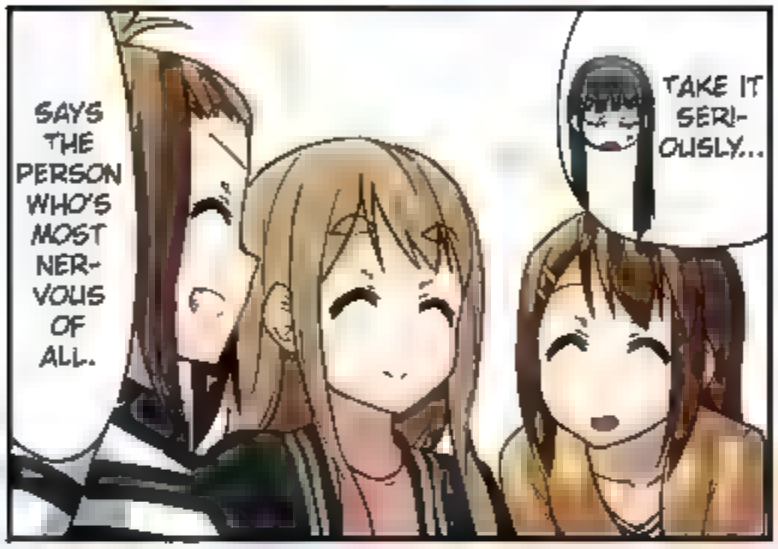
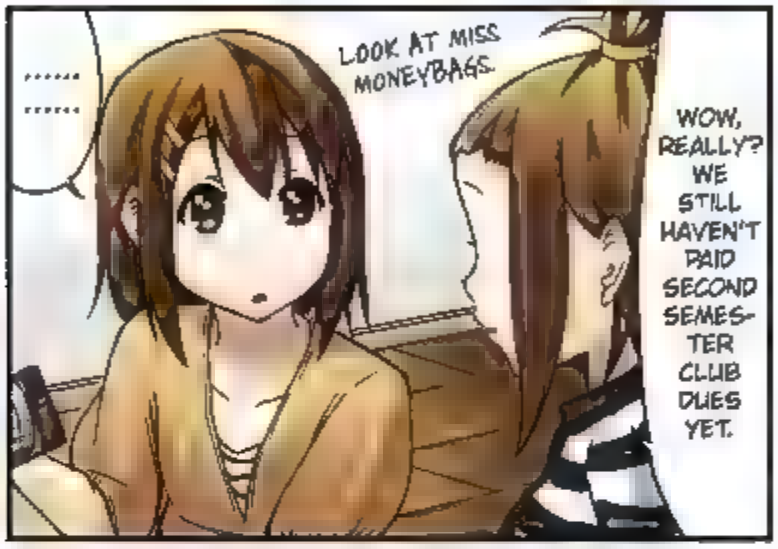

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A SONG OR OUTFITS PICKED OUT!
HOW CAN YOU BE HORSING AROUND LIKE THIS WITH THE FESTIVAL JUST AROUND THE CORNER?


HEH-HEH! I BOUGHT THIS WITH MY JOB MONEY.
WHY ARE YOU AMBUSHING ME SO EARLY IN THE MORNING...?


SAYS THE PERSON WHO'S MOST NERVOUS OF ALL.
TAKE IT SERIOUSLY...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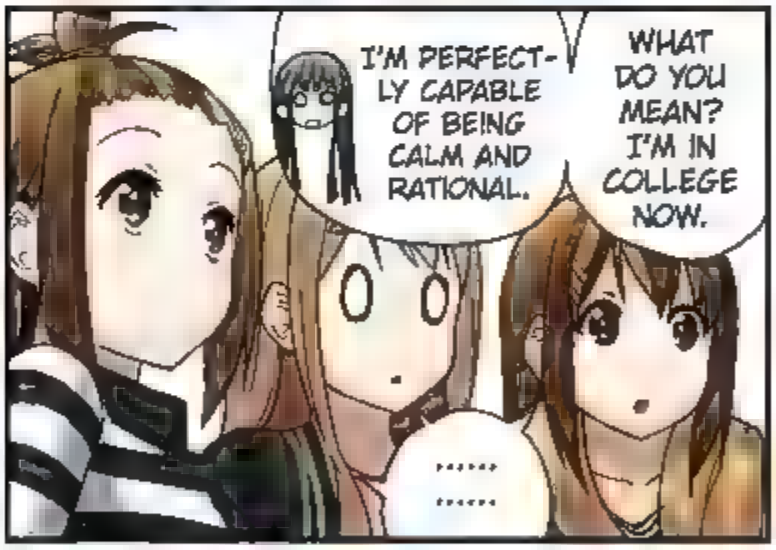
LOOK AT MISS MONEYBAGS.
WOW, REALLY? WE STILL HAVEN'T PAID SECOND SEMESTER CLUB DUES YET.


I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF BEING CALM AND RATIONAL.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M IN COLLEGE NOW.
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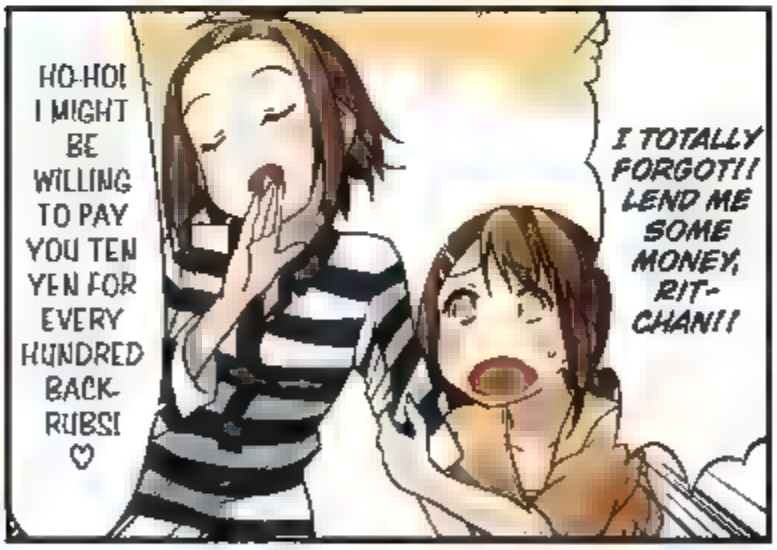
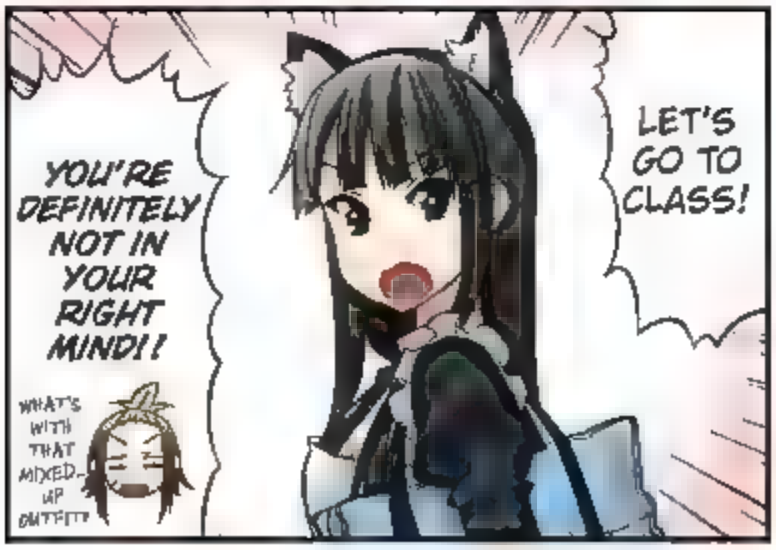
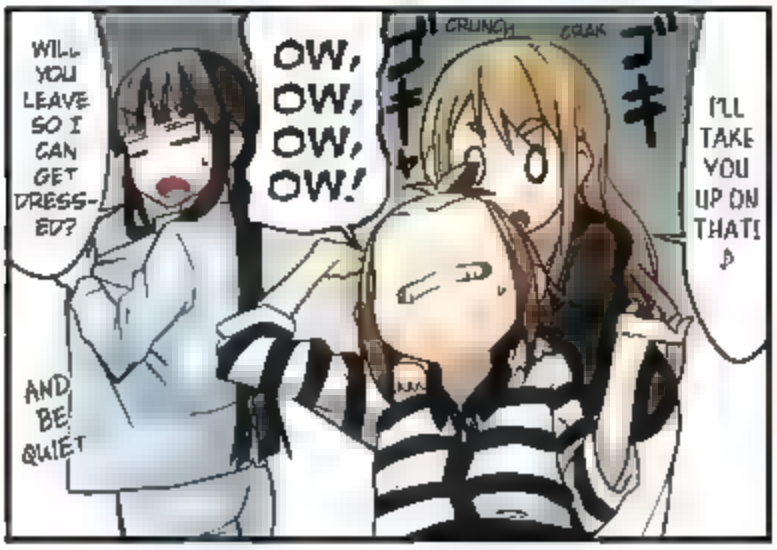

HO-HO! I MIGHT BE WILLING TO PAY YOU TEN YEN FOR EVERY HUNDRED BACK-RUBS! ♡
I TOTALLY FORGOT!! LEND ME SOME MONEY, RIT-CHAN!!


YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT IN YOUR RIGHT MIND!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT MIXED-UP OUTFIT?
LET'S GO TO CLASS!


WILL YOU LEAVE SO I CAN GET DRESSED?
AND BE QUIET
OW, OW, OW, OW!
CRUNCH
CRAK
ゴキ
ゴキ
I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT! ♪

YUI-CHAN! ARE YOU HANDING OUT FLYERS TOO?

HEY, EVERY-ONE!

I KNEW YOU HADN'T CHANGED AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, MIO-CHAN.

I'M SCARED

AWW... HOW BIG IS THIS FESTI-VAL GOING TO BE...?

I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY TIME WITH THIS CRAP...

THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING YUI WOULD DESIGN

HUH? AKIRA'S BARELY PASSED OUT ANY.

WHAT IS IT, CLUB PREZ?

AHA! AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME!

HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH

PFFF

I'VE ALREADY HANDED OUT HALF OF MINE.

I DUNNO, THIS LOOKS PRETTY FISHY TO ME...

FRESHMEN BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Come check out the cute girls

GOT A JOB FOR YOU. GO AROUND CAMPUS AND HAND OUT THESE FLYERS!

BEST OF FRIENDS!

OH NO, YOU DON'T! YOU WON'T BEAT ME!

POP MUSIC CLUB! COME CHECK OUT THE SHOW!

NOPE.

ARE WE GOING TO GET PAID FOR—

IT'LL BE EMBARRASSING TO DRESS UP IN FRONT OF SUCH A LARGE CROWD...

SO, WHAT ABOUT THE COSTUME? I BROUGHT MY UNIFORM, JUST IN CASE.

RUSTLE

FESTIVAL DAY

WHOA, CHECK OUT THE CROWDS!

CHATTER

CHATTER

THE BATTLE WILL BE DECIDED BY YOUR VOTES, EVERYONE!

TODAY'S THE BIG BATTLE OF THE BANDS BETWEEN THE FRESHMEN OF THE POP MUSIC CLUB!

OOOH!!

TA-DAA!! I HAD THESE T-SHIRTS SECRETLY PRINTED UP FOR US!!

HOU

TEA TIME

GO

I'D NEVER HAVE GUESSED YOU HAD A TALENT FOR THIS.

SO THIS IS WHAT THE PHOTOS WERE FOR...

THAT'S CUTE

THESE ARE OUR SILHOUETTES, AREN'T THEY?

WOW, THE CLUB PRESIDENT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF OLD-FASHIONED MERCHANT. .

WANDER

WANDER

AND ONE LUCKY SUPPORTER OF THE WINNING BAND WILL WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE! COME AND SEE THE SHOW!!

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT WHAT SHE MIGHT DO WITH OUR PICS...

HEE HEE HEE

OH, I SENT SAWA-CHAN THE PHOTOS AND SHE MADE IT FOR ME.

YOU REALLY DID FORGET, DIDN'T YOU?

AHA! SO THIS MUST BE THE CONTEST AKIRA-CHAN WAS TALKING ABOUT!!

DA DAM
DAM
DAM
IT WAS THE PERFECT SHOT!
WHY DO I HAVE CAT EARS?
GYOOOH
THEY NEVER GET NERVOUS ABOUT ANYTHING.
THEY'RE ALWAYS HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME.
THAT'S SO ROCK 'N' ROLL!!
WHOA, THEY JUST STARTED UP WITHOUT TALKING TO THE CROWD!
BUT CAN THEY PERFORM IN THE MOMENT W TH THAT MINDSET?
DON'T GIVE YOUR FOE THE EDGE, DINGUS.
CHOP
I'M GONNA VOTE FOR ONLY GIRLZ!!
N-NO! I JUST WANT A GOOD CLEAN CONTEST!!
WHAT? WORRIED ABOUT YOUR RIVALS?

AND NOW, THE RESULTS! THE WINNER OF OUR FRESH-MEN BATTLE OF THE BANDS IS...

LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN, THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR VOTES!

WE STARTED THIS BAND IN HIGH SCHOOL, SO OUR OLD UNIFORMS ARE OUR USUAL COSTUME!

IT'S NICE TO MEET ALL OF YOU! WE'RE AFTER-SCHOOL TEA TIME!

ONLY GIRLZ!!

ARE YOU SERI-OUS!? COUNT ME OUT!!

I HOPE WE'RE STILL PLAYING TOGETHER, SAME MEMBERS, SAME OUTFITS, WHEN WE'RE OLD GRAND-MAS!!

BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

IN YOUR FACE, YUI! I TOLD YOU WE'D—

YOU SHOULD LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE, AKIRA.

SHE'S SO FUNNY.

ANYWAY, HERE'S OUR SONG, "FLUFF-FLUFF TIME"!!

W-WAIT, THIS IS ALL WRONG! YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO BE UPSET! AND GET OFF ME!!

CON-GRATS, AKIRA-CHAN!!

O GOD PLEASE

...YOU'RE NOT LISTEN-ING, ARE YOU...?

H-HE STILL THINKS ABOUT ME...

I REMEMBER YOUR BAND BEING REALLY IMPRESSIVE IN HIGH SCHOOL, SO WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE STILL TOGETHER IN COLLEGE AND PLAYING THIS GIG, I HAD TO COME SEE.

WADA-SAN, I SAW THE SHOW.

GET! OFF! OF! ME!

...I ALWAYS MEANT TO TELL YOU, IF MY DREAM CAME TRUE.

UM... SENPAI? THERE'S SOME-THING...

I'M ACTUALLY WORKING FOR A SMALL RECORD LABEL NOW.

S...SEN-PAI!? YOU CAME!?

WOULD YOU BE MY BOY-FRIEND!?

I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU THIS WHOLE TIME!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLY SIGNING A DEAL WITH US?

I THOUGHT YOUR BAND WAS FANTAS-TIC!

WHAAAAAT!?

EH?

UM... GEE... SHORT HAIR REALLY ISN'T MY THING...

HUH? I WAS SO FOCUSED ON MY DUEL WITH YUI THAT I FORGOT ABOUT GOING PRO!

SNAP OUT OF IT, AKIRA! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!

HMM... NOT INTER-ESTED, I GUESS?

WHAT DID I TELL YOU EARLIER? IT'S TOUGH TO GO PRO, SO I MEAN TO GRADUATE FIRST.

ARE YOU QUITTING SCHOOL, AKIRA-CHAN?

UM... OKAY.

WELL, THINK ABOUT MY OFFER! I GOTTA GET BACK TO WORK.

HUH? I THOUGHT YOU JUST WON THE—

PLUS, I STILL HAVEN'T SETTLED MY DUEL WITH YOU.

...HOW COULD YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SUCH A CAD, AKIRA?

WHAT A PIG! HE ONLY CARES ABOUT HER LOOKS!

UM... YES?

IT'S NOT OVER YET!! GOT THAT !?

DON'T GET TOO DOWN, OKAY?

I...

YAKISOBA!? I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!

WANNA GO GET SOME YAKISOBA, MUGI-CHAN?

OH, ENOUGH ABOUT THAT ALREADY!!

BESIDES, IT'LL TAKE FOUR YEARS TO GET NICE LONG HAIR AGAIN...

SHE STILL ISN'T GIVING UP ON HIM!?

I'M GROWING MY HAIR OUT!!

KNOCK IT OFF!!
AKIRA-CHAN GOT BRUTALLY SHOT DOWN TODAY. CAN WE HAVE AN EXTRA LARGE SERVING?
OH DEAR!
YAKISOBA, 300 YEN

THE EXTRA NOODLES WERE ALL FOR YOU!?
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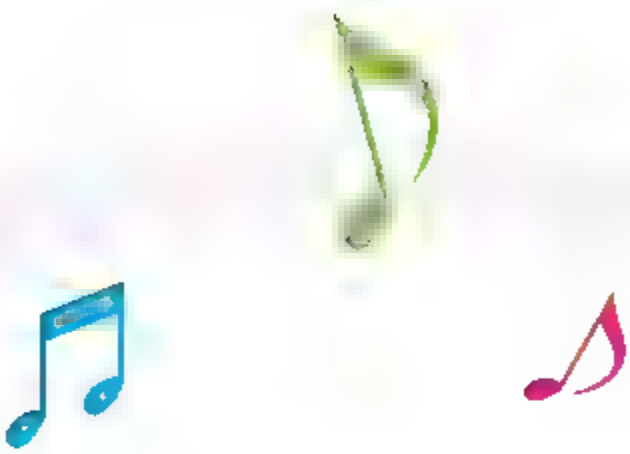

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# CHARACTER DESIGN SHEET

BLACK HAIR
GUITAR
EYE SHADOW
SKINNY
WITHOUT MAKEUP, LOOKS LIKE A BOY
PLAYS A LES PAUL, PUNK FASHION. POSSIBLE ANTAGONIST TO CAREFREE YUI OR MIO?
TSUNDERE? BUT HOPEFULLY NOT FITTING EXACTLY INTO THE TEMPLATE...
BASS
PROTECTOR OF SORTS TO THE GUITARIST
SEEMS GLOOMY, BUT BRIGHT ON THE INSIDE
BROWN HAIR? (LIGHT TONE)
PUNK FAN, BUT GENTLE MANNER
EYES ARE HIDDEN WHEN SHE'S PLOTTING SOMETHING
TALLER THAN MIO, VERY SLENDER
LAUGHS LIKE "HEE-HEE-HEE"
LOOKS LIKE AN ONION
....
DRUMS
LOVES FUN STUFF, LOVES NEEDLING THE GUITARIST, SHORT IN STATURE
PROBABLY GETS ALONG WITH RITSU AND YUI. SEEMS LIKE A SUCKER

# BONUS COMICS

# TRANSLATION NOTES

## COMMON HONORIFICS

**no honorific:** Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult

***-san*:** The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

***-sama*:** Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee

***-kun*:** Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing

***-chan*:** An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

***-senpai*:** Used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

***-sensei*:** A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

## *K-ON!*

The title ***K-ON!*** comes from the Japanese word "***kei-ongaku***," meaning "light music" in the sense of casual or easy listening (i.e., not serious or innovative as in serious classical or jazz). In the context of school clubs in Japan, the term "***kei-ongaku-bu***" ("light music club") usually contrasts with "***ongaku-bu***" ("music club") in that it focuses on popular forms of music (pop, rock, folk, etc.) where the latter focuses on symphonic and choral forms

## kakifly

The author's name, "kakifly," comes from the Japanese word "***kaki-furai***," meaning "fried oysters."

## Yen Conversion

A general rule of thumb to use for converting Japanese yen to American dollars is ¥100 to 1 USD.

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### *Manga Time Kirara*

The magazine Mio is sleeping on (and which appears at other points in the book) is the original home of the ***K-ON!*** manga in Japan, published monthly by Houbunsha. There are several offshoot magazines in the ***Manga Time Kirara*** line, most of which focus exclusively on manga in the four-panel format, like ***K-ON!***

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### Rumors

It is said in Japanese culture that sneezing means someone is talking about you at that moment. This piece of folk wisdom manifests as a common trope in manga and anime as well.

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### Drawing a person on the palm

A piece of Japanese folk wisdom that states that in times of stress and tension, drawing the character for "person" (which can be seen on Mio's palm) three times and then pretending to "swallow" the person will ease the fear. While distracting oneself from tension in this way might simply be a placebo effect, the phrase "to swallow a person" (***hito o nomu***) means to overpower or overwhelm another, implying that this figurative action will help one overcome that fear.

PAGE 31

### Autograph board

Japanese autograph boards (***shikishi***) are square-ish paper boards of a heavy stock, usually with one light side and a colored back (the name ***shikishi*** means "colored paper") that are commonly used for autographs today, but once were meant for poems and fine art. The large size and fancy, heavy feel make them appropriate for displaying autographs from a favorite artist or celebrity.

PAGE 33

### Dzeko

A reference to Edin Džeko, a Bosnian soccer player who plays for Manchester City.

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### Tsukkomi

The modern standard for Japanese humor consists of ***boke*** and ***tsukkomi***, which are the "goof-off" and "straight man," respectively. Many jokes, not just in stand-up comedy but in manga and anime as well, start with an absurd statement or observation (the ***boke***) followed by a forceful correction rectifying that nonsense (the ***tsukkomi***), often punctuated with a physical smack. Ayame is clearly making an impromptu joke by pretending to be a foreigner seeing a ***tsukkomi*** in person for the first time.

PAGE 40
**Job Well**
A play on words. "Part-time job" in Japanese is actually a loanword—***arubaito*** (from the German ***arbeit***)—and the title of the magazine is "Aruba-ido," where ***ido*** means "well."

PAGE 42
**Shiso**
A leafy green plant that is often used as garnish (as a "holding tray" for wasabi, for example) but is sometimes eaten as well. A variety of savory snacks utilize shiso as a primary flavor.

PAGE 55
**Pucky**
A parody of the famous stick-shaped candy, Pocky. The classic form/flavor of Pocky is a pack full of long biscuit sticks that have been dipped in chocolate.

PAGE 58
**Overheating the brain**
The Japanese word ***chienetsu*** ("intelligence fever") is the term for what is called "teething fever" in English, the period occuring around age one that an infant becomes susceptible to illness as the mother's antibodies wear off. Both terms stem from the developments often seen around this time—a baby's first teeth coming in and showing his or her first signs of intelligence. However, the term ***chienetsu*** is also used in a colloquial, humorous sense to mean a headache or fever caused by thinking too hard.

PAGE 64
***Harumi-neechan***
A parody cameo of the Harumi character by Kakifly's fellow ***Manga Time Kirara*** artist Daioki. Daioki's series is actually called ***Harumi Nation***, but in this case was turned into ***neechan***, meaning "big sister."

PAGE 70
**Maimo**
This is probably portmanteau of ***umai*** (yummy) and ***imo*** (potato or yam)

PAGE 88
**Guitar Body**
Electric guitars are almost always composed of two major parts: the neck and the body. However, the body itself can be made from one to three (or potentially even more) pieces of wood Due to the dampening effect of the glue used to hold the pieces together and the loss of natural resonance when it's not made of a single unbroken piece of wood, some people claim that a single-piece body sounds "cleaner," and the need for a larger piece of wood can make single-body types more expensive. However, it generally just comes down to personal taste.

PAGE 103
**Miso Soup**
Miso soup is an indispensable part of the traditional Japanese breakfast, but as a counterpoint to Ritsu's elegant speech, it seems far too plain and unsophisticated. It's a bit like swirling a fine wine glass full of orange juice.

PAGE 104
**3-B Gummies**
A likely parody of classic long-running high school drama TV series ***3-nen B-gumi Kinpachi-sensei*** ("Class 3-B Kinpachi-sensei"), although the product name on the package is somewhat obscured. The joke comes from the homophones of ***gumi***, (or ***kumi***) meaning "class," and ***gumi***, a "gummy" candy snack.

PAGE 116
***Yakisoba***
Literally meaning "cooked ***soba***," this tasty dish of stir-fried noodles with pork, cabbage, and ginger is a common summertime meal, especially at outdoor festivals. The noodles are served as-is rather than in a broth, making them very similar to chow mein. Although it has ***soba*** (buckwheat noodles) in the name, ***yakisoba*** is actually made from flour in most instances.

PAGE 120
***Tsundere***
A character archetype often seen in contemporary manga and anime typified by a normally aggressive and standoffish manner that eventually reveals a caring side underneath, usually in a moment of weakness. The word itself is a combination of ***tsun-tsun*** ("spiky" or "aloof") and ***dere-dere*** ("sappy, lovey-dovey"). Akira acts like a ***tsundere*** toward Yui throughout the book, and in previous volumes, Azusa fit into this archetype as well.

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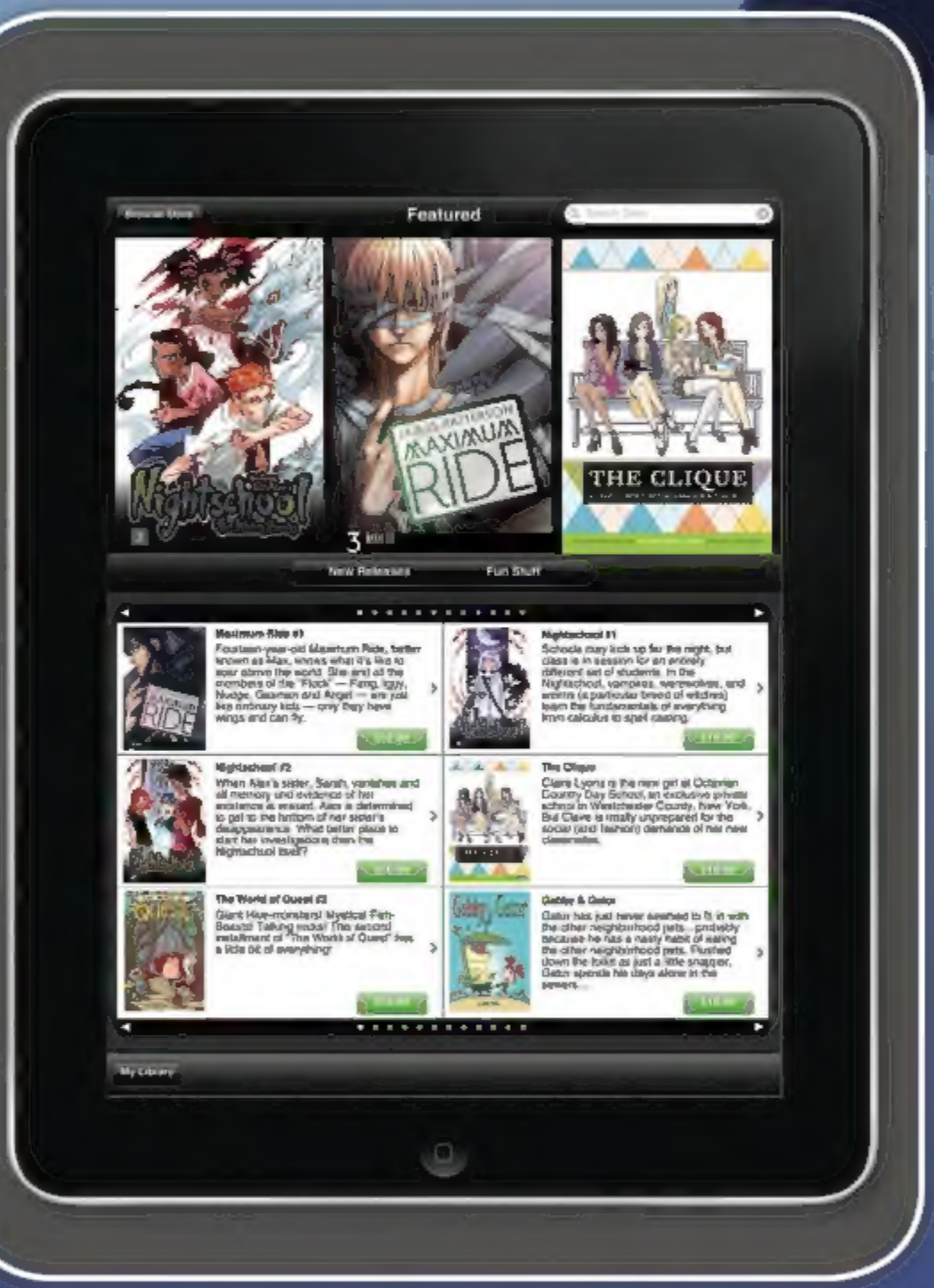


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